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NORFOLK RESIDENTS AND WORKERS URGED TO HELP WITH REPORTING STREETLIGHT OUTAGES

Now that daylight savings has arrived and many of us leave work in the dark, streetlight outages are more noticeable. Dominion Power does not look for outages, rather they wait for the city or citizens to report an outage before responding. As such, we need your help. While Public Works employees conduct periodic checks for light outages, the City also depends on residents and other City employees to spot outages, especially on neighborhood streets which are not as frequently checked by city staff.

If you notice a street light outage, please gather the following information and use one of the methods listed below to report the problem:

Collect the following information about the outage location:

Closest address and street name

9 digit pole number starting with "NO"

Type of problem (light completely out, light flicking on/off, or damaged)

To report the problem use one of the following options

Call Dominion Power at 1-888-667-3000, use option #1

Use the city website and fill in the Street Light Form at
<http://www.norfolk.gov/publicworks/streetlights.asp>

CITY HOLIDAYS

City offices will close at Noon on December 24 and will be closed on Monday, December 27 and Friday, December 31. Trash collection will go on as scheduled. Check with recreation centers and libraries, City Treasure and City Commissioner for additional holiday schedule changes.

NORFOLK TO BE NAMED ONE OF TOP DIGITAL CITIES

Norfolk has placed 5th in the Center for Digital Government's Top Digital Cities survey and will be featured in Government Technology (GT) magazine. The Center works in conjunction with the National League of Cities (NLC) and Government Technology (GT) magazine. The Center is a national research and advisory institute providing government, education and industry leaders with decision support, research and educational services to help them effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21st century.

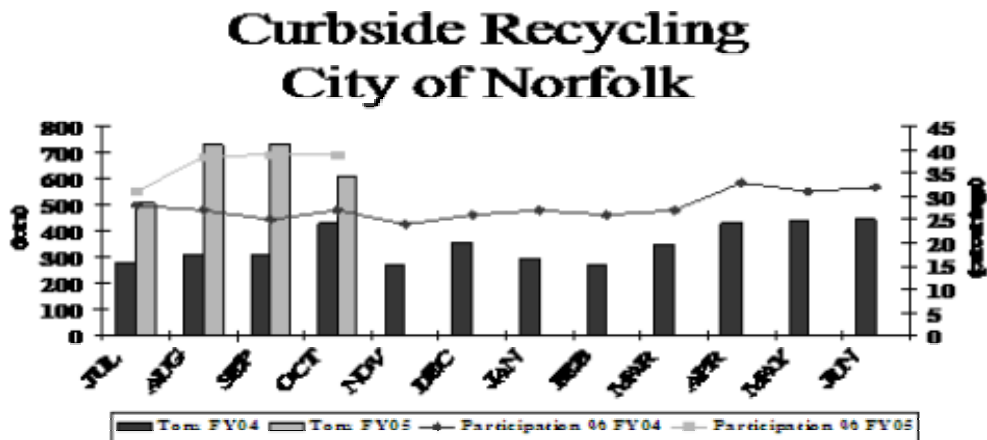
NORFOLK RESIDENTS TAKE TO THE NEW "BIG EASY" RECYCLING CONTAINER, MORE THAN DOUBLING PARTICIPATION

The *Big Easy*, SPSA and Norfolk's enhanced curbside recycling program is in its 8th month and has more than doubled participation of households receiving the new 95 gallon carts. The carts resemble regular trash containers that have a cover and can be rolled to the curb.

New carts were delivered to some 43 percent of city households during the first two phases of the program. Of the households receiving the new carts, 55 percent are putting recyclables out, compared with just 23 percent participation using the previous 18-gallon, open container that had to be carried to the curb.

Increased participation and the larger quantity of materials collected per pickup have resulted in diversion of approximately 1,260 more tons of recyclable waste, nearly twice as much as was collected before.

Phase III of the new program is expected to begin in January 2005 with the delivery of recycling containers to 17,000 more households. The final phase will be implemented in summer 2005.



INCREASED POLICE PATROLS UNDERWAY AT MAJOR SHOPPING VENUES

As part of our efforts to ensure Public Safety during the holiday season, the Norfolk Police Department will be using budgeted overtime funds to provide additional security in and around shopping areas. The enhanced patrols began on the day after Thanksgiving, November 26th and will continue through December 26. The officers will be providing this security in the form of walking beats, bike patrols and additional marked patrol units. Areas include Military Circle, MacArthur Center, Janaf, Colley Avenue, 21st Street, Wedgewood, Roosevelt, East Little Creek, Southern Shopping Center, West Ocean View, Bromley/Norview and Wards Corner.

START-UP OF PHASE TWO BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT DELAYED FOR DREDGE REPAIRS



Great Lakes Dredging, the contractor for the Ocean View and Willoughby Beach Renourishment project is experiencing mechanical problems with one of its dredges. As a result, Phase II of the Beach Renourishment project that was scheduled to begin on December 1st will be delayed for approximately two weeks. Repairs to the dredge are taking place at Moon Engineering in Norfolk. These repairs should be complete by December 15th.

When repairs are complete, the nourishment project will begin at Willoughby and proceed east towards central Ocean View. Another dredge will be brought in from New York to complete the central Ocean View portion of the project. This is a reversal of the dredger's planned sequence of beach work which was to begin along central Ocean View first and then proceed towards Willoughby. This sequencing change, in many respects, is now the preferred option since the Willoughby area is currently more vulnerable to storm damage than central Ocean View. The contractor remains confident that the project will be completed on time despite the delay in start date.

TEMPORARY CRUISE TERMINAL BUILDING WILL GIVE WAY TO COMMUNITY RESOURCE

At first glance it looks like a decontamination chamber for astronauts. In reality, it is a "Sprung" and until 2006 will serve as the processing center for passengers embarking on cruises in Norfolk while a permanent cruise terminal is designed and constructed.

The Sprung is one of the few tent-like structures that can be accepted as a permanent facility. The 40' x 100' structure adjacent to Nauticus consists of an aluminum frame covered by an insulated, Teflon membrane (fabric). It is fastened into a concrete foundation, has heating and air conditioning, and is capable of withstanding sustained winds up to 100 mph.

The City is in the process of awarding the Phase I construction contract to build the infrastructure on which a new terminal will rest. Construction will begin in January 2005. Phase II (the building itself) will be advertised for bid in February. The entire project will be completed in the fall of 2006. We will continue to handle cruise ship traffic throughout the construction of the new terminal. The building will have more than 22,000 SF of interior meeting space for community events and activities. It will also have 2 large public terraces with commanding views of our historic harbor.

OCTOBER 2004 IS BUSIEST MONTH EVER FOR LOCAL CRUISE INDUSTRY

More than 23,000 cruise passengers sailed through Nauticus making October the busiest month in the history of Norfolk's cruise program. Celebrity Cruises continued its Bermuda itineraries, Carnival sailed to the Bahamas and Holland America began service to the Caribbean.



Nauticus, in support of these voyages, handled nearly 59,000 pieces of luggage, facilitated 80 truckloads of provisions and pumped nearly three million gallons of fresh water onto the cruise ships. Additionally, more than 8,500 crewmembers called Norfolk home: visiting area attractions, shopping in local stores and eating in nearby restaurants.

SCHOONER *VIRGINIA* IS CHRISTENED IN NORFOLK

The Schooner Virginia is scheduled to make Virginia maritime history December 10, at 11:45 a.m. in Otter Berth (adjacent to Town Point Park on Waterside Drive) as the Pilot Schooner *Virginia* is christened on the downtown Norfolk waterfront.

Schooner *Virginia*, a handmade replica of her namesake vessel that sailed the Chesapeake Bay from 1917 to 1926, has been evolving in her dry dock since October 2002, when 400 people turned out to watch as the

vessel's keel was laid. Since then, work has continued at a rapid pace with shipwrights and marine engineers and architects collaborating on the first wood tall ship built on the Norfolk waterfront in almost a century.

The Schooner *Virginia* project, administered by the Virginia Maritime Heritage Foundation, encompasses the re-creation of the wooden ship that served as the last pure sailing vessel deployed by the Virginia Pilot Association (VPA). That pilot schooner worked as a station keeping vessel off the Virginia capes at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay and delivering Virginia pilots to inbound and outbound vessels from 1917 to 1926.

The christening will be attended by many of the state's elected officials, local civic, business and political leaders, representatives of the maritime community, students from local schools and contributors to the project will be among the thousands on hand to witness. Additionally, those attending the ceremony will hear from two of the nation's most distinguished sailors: Capt. Bill Pinkney, USN retired and Gary Jobson, known as the nation's pre-eminent sailing ambassador.

Pinkney, a follower of the Schooner *Virginia* project, was the first black American to complete a solo circumnavigation of the globe. Pinkney's two-year, 32,000-mile-long voyage was the subject of a PBS documentary entitled "Voyages Home;" he recently retired as master of the tall ship *Amistad*. Jobson is a sailing analyst for ESPN, was a member of the 1977 victorious America's Cup team and is editor-at-large for *Sailing World* and *Cruising World* magazines.

Schooner *Virginia* could not have reached this point had it not been for the corporations and individuals that supported the project by donating time, money and/or equipment. The project's planners have been continually mustering support for the project since the idea was taken public in 1997. Additionally, Schooner *Virginia* project received financial and in-kind support from the Commonwealth of Virginia and the City of Norfolk, her homeport.

Following the christening, Town Point Park in the area between Otter Berth and Waterside will take on a festival atmosphere between 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10 and from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11. Live entertainment, maritime displays and activities plus get a close-up view of *Virginia*. Schooner *Virginia* will be a floating classroom dedicated to several disciplines of maritime study; she'll travel the world as the seaborne goodwill ambassador for the Commonwealth; and she'll be used as an economic development platform.

BERKLEY SHOPPING CENTER



Fulco Development and Perrine Wheeler Investment Real Estate are pleased to announce its joint venture to construct a 43,000 square foot community shopping center. The 6-acre site is located at Berkley Avenue and S. Main Street in the Berkley section of Norfolk. The center will be anchored by a Farm Fresh grocery store.

Both firms will develop and build the project and Perrine Wheeler Real Estate Company will lease and manage the retail space. Ownership of the center will be held by Berkley Center Associates, LLC, which is comprised of Harrison J. Perrine, Jon S. Wheeler and William H. Fuller. Construction of the center is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2005.

Jon S. Wheeler, President & COO of Perrine Wheeler said, "This is an exciting project for our firm in an historic and established neighborhood and we are pleased to be a part of it." Upon completion, the center will not only provide the much needed grocery store products to the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses, but also will act as a strong community focal point and provide additional services that are not currently being represented.

William H. Fuller, President of Fulco Development, the driving force for this project, is very excited about this retail development. The commitment of Farm Fresh and its parent company, SuperValue, have been vital to bringing this project to Berkley. "It's been a long time coming and I am extremely pleased to be a part of the team that has made it happen. The residents of Berkley are looking forward to this," said Fuller. Fuller also stated he is grateful to the City of Norfolk for their commitment both financially and in keeping the project on the forefront.

For the text of speeches prepared for Mayor Paul D. Fraim and Vice Mayor Daun Hester, see IN THE COMMUNITY.

CITY OF NORFOLK'S TRAFFIC CHANNEL UP AND RUNNING

Channel 46 is the City's new traffic channel. All day, all night, viewers can watch 3-second snippets that show the flow of traffic on the interstate throughout the Southside of Hampton Roads. The Division of Transportation within the Department of Public Works, Cox Communications and the Virginia Department of Transportation are all working in partnership to provide this service to Norfolk cable subscribers.

This is the first time a service such as this has been made available in this area.

The live video coverage of freeway traffic camera images began in mid-November and the live images come from cameras situated at all 42 locales provided by VDOT. Viewers will see a 3-second image showing traffic flow in the following areas: from Indian River Road in Virginia Beach to the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel; from the naval base at Interstate 564 to the Interstate 64-564 interchange and from Interstate 264 at Newtown Road to downtown Norfolk.

The City's relationship with Cox Communications is what makes the traffic channel possible. Through its partnership, the City has access to four channels that can be used for government purposes. Channel 47 is currently used by Norfolk Public Schools and Channel 48 offers general government programming.

The software and other equipment that make Channel 46 possible cost \$10,000.

The format of Channel 46 resembles the City's website layout and design and will provide information on road closures, road construction, traffic plans for special events and roadway incident information.

The video shown on Channel 46 is copyright protected for the public's viewing use only and the coverage is not recorded for any future use or enforcement.

ADDRESSING MULTI-HAZARD (TERRORIST) EMERGENCIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response in partnership with Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) is working to increase the public school system's level of awareness and preparedness in addressing multi-hazard (terrorist) emergencies in public schools. Working with NPS, we have written a successful Homeland Security grant that is providing funds to equip all high schools and middle schools with 800 MHz radios. These state of the art radios are designed to improve coordination between first responders by allowing direct communication between NPS, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 9-1-1, Police and Fire.

In addition to funding for equipment, the grant also provided funds to train a joint team composed of City of Norfolk personnel and NPS staff. The joint team attended a one week training course that was held at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmetsburg, MD. This course brought

teams of emergency managers, public safety and school personnel together from all over the United States to address the most pressing issues impacting school safety. The four-day training was sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Topics included emergency management, roles and responsibilities, how to assess potential hazards facing schools, and how to develop and implement an emergency operations plan, and a session on how to handle threats or acts of terrorism.

Tim Mallory, Senior Coordinator, Security Services led a team which included the Assistant Director of the district's Transportation Department and one of the district's school psychologists. Transportation was provided courtesy of Black Hawk Products Group, a locally based global supplier of tactical equipment to the military and law enforcement. The company's founder, Mike Noell, is committed to sharing his expertise and resources with Norfolk Public Schools. A former US Navy SEAL, Noell is eager to assist with the school district's proactive approach towards school safety.

Using a train the trainer format, the training team will teach the NPS Crises Teams on how to prepare, respond and recover from the new threats schools are facing since 9-11 ranging from weapons in schools to major terrorist events.

USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN UNDER REVIEW

The Virginia Housing Commission is considering two proposed legislative changes that would restrict local eminent domain authority. The first proposal places resale restrictions on property acquired by eminent domain (vested title for at least 15 years) that is declared surplus or is otherwise not needed. The condemning agency must offer this property for sale to the former owner, unless the former owner had waived his right to the offer of repurchase. A second proposal limits the circumstances under which a housing authority may acquire real property and subsequently transfer it to a private entity.

Similar to the second proposal, there is an eminent domain case that has moved through the state of Connecticut's court system and is scheduled for review by the United States Supreme Court in early 2005. This case has national implications and focuses on New London, Connecticut's use of eminent domain as a tool in acquiring private property for redevelopment purposes. At issue is the scope of the Fifth Amendment, which allows governments to take private property for a public use through eminent domain in consideration for giving the owner "just compensation." The

homeowners in this case filed suit in December 2000 requesting the court to stop the City of New London from taking their property. They are arguing that the city had no assurance that the private sector participation would occur and, without it, there was no assurance that the promised public benefits from the redevelopment would materialize.

On appeal of a state trial court's decision, the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled 4-3 in favor of the city's plan. The Connecticut Supreme Court found that there were sufficient checks in place to assure that the private sector participants would adhere to the plan and supported the city's action. The National League of Cities (NLC) will participate in this Supreme Court case as a "friend of the court."

CITY SIGNS LETTER IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR EVMS

The city has endorsed Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) is forwarding to the eastern Virginia legislative delegation and to the Governor. The letter is requesting that funding be provided for EVMS in line with the "Base Adequacy Guidelines" that were recommended by the Joint Subcommittee on Higher Education Funding in January 2004.

Currently, the state provides approximately 8% of EVMS' total \$150 million operating budget. This level of support is now at its lowest point in history as a result of reduction in state support related to the recent recession. Historically, state funding has comprised between ten and twelve percent of EVMS' operating budget. EVMS firmly believes that its future capacity to support the medical education, research and patient care needs of eastern Virginia, as well as economic development activities related to biomedical industries, depend significantly upon this budget request.

CITY'S DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT IS NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Stanley Stein, a 32 year employee of the City of Norfolk and current Director of Facilities and Enterprise Management, has been appointed to the position of Assistant City Manager.

Stanley has served in an acting capacity since Shurl Montgomery's retirement this past summer. Stanley's knowledge of the City's internal operations which includes parks, recreation, real estate, general services and other activities will be a tremendous asset to my office. His familiarity with major ongoing development activity throughout the City and proven leadership skills will serve as an invaluable asset as we work to continue the momentum of Norfolk's renaissance.



ANNUAL CITY INSPECTIONS OF HOTELS, MOTELS & ROOMING HOUSES COMPLETE

Staff has completed the annual inspections of hotels, motels and rooming houses located in the City. The inspections were jointly carried out by Neighborhood Preservation, the Zoning Division of the Planning Department, Environmental Health and Fire Prevention with support from the City Attorney's Office.

These inspections are designed to ensure that hotels, motels and rooming houses are in compliance with health, safety and fire codes. The overwhelming majority of the violations identified during the inspection process were in Ocean View. Most of the deficiencies identified were for basic maintenance or fire code issues.

Citywide there were fourteen properties that were cited for significant health, safety and fire code violations. Of these properties, nine are under action by the City Attorney's Office to ensure that they come into compliance with the municipal code.

DOWNTOWN WEEKEND ACTIVITIES ARE BOOMING

Events this fall are bringing thousands of residents and visitors to downtown each weekend. From a parking standpoint, this increasing amount of traffic is equivalent to a Harbor Fest weekend. This trend should continue through December with the traditional holiday shopping season underway, recurring events such as Admiral's hockey and special events taking place at civic and private facilities.

According to our forecast, each weekend in November had a significant number of events scheduled. Saturday, November 20th for example was one of the busiest days of the year with a number of high profile events scheduled. These events include: the Holland America Cruise; Gem and Jewelry Show and an Admirals' Game at Scope; Best of

Broadway Series featuring “42nd Street” at Chrysler Hall; Gospel Cruise aboard the Spirit of Norfolk; Concert at NorVA; and the Grand Illumination Parade. City staff from the Police Department, Parking Division of Facility Maintenance and the Transportation Division of Public Works has been coordinating behind the scenes for months to ensure that there is coordination transparent to downtown visitors ensuring good experiences on these busy weekends.

VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYMPOSIUM COMES TO NORFOLK

Norfolk was the host city once again for the Virginia Emergency Medical Services Symposium in November. This is one of the largest EMS symposiums in the nation and attracts over 1,800 emergency medical providers each year and provides 256 courses of instruction. Vice Mayor Daun Hester gave the welcoming remarks at the symposium banquet and Governor’s Award Program on Saturday evening. The keynote speaker this year was to have been Christopher Reeve. Just two weeks prior to his death, he filmed an EMS recruitment and retention video as a way of saying thanks to the Virginia EMS providers who saved his life when he was injured during an equestrian event that left him paralyzed. The symposium will return to Norfolk in 2005 and 2006.

HEALTH CARE CONSULTANT

The City Manager has approved the engagement of Hilb Rogal and Hobbs (HRH) Consulting, which maintains an office in downtown Norfolk, to assist the City in the formulation of an employee health care plan for the future.

For years the City of Norfolk has partnered with Norfolk Public Schools (NPS), Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and the Community Services Board to jointly purchase health care for employees and retirees. This “Norfolk Consortium” has attempted to leverage size (approximately 10,000 medical care contracts covering 18,000 members) and the local competitive forces to obtain quality health care at the best price. But the market has changed. There is less competition, while medical costs continuance double digit inflation. The overall cost to the City, its employees and retirees will approach \$22 million this year and the “Norfolk Consortium’s” costs as a whole will be over \$50 million. It is for these

reasons that the City believes it is time to be aggressive in a search for a more appropriate method of covering employee health risk at an affordable cost.



Reducing the percent of the City's financial involvement by cutting health care benefits and/or increasing co-pays is not the answer, nor is the new approach being undertaken by many major private employers of simply capping their financial exposure under one of the new "consumer driven" plans. However, the City is not looking to continue "business as usual" with respect to its health care plan. According to City Manager Regina V.K. Willians, our new approach must serve us now and in the long term and not be to the detriment of our employees and retirees. HRH's task will be to assist us identify, obtain and implement this new approach. Norfolk Public Schools has volunteered to help us fund this endeavor.

FUEL CRISIS ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Norfolk Department of Human Services is accepting applications for Fuel Crisis Assistance through March 15, 2005. The Fuel Crisis Program helps individuals and families to meet a household's heating need when no other resource is available.

The following types of assistance are available:

- Repair of heating equipment
- Replacement of heating equipment
- Provision of supplemental heating equipment/maintenance
- Once-per-lifetime payment of primary heat source utility security deposit per fuel type
- Payment for emergency shelter in no heat conditions
- Purchase of a portable space heater for temporary use

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- Purchase of primary home heating fuel
- Payment of primary heat utility bill if primary heating source is cut off or in danger of being cut off

Applications for Fuel Crisis Assistance are available at your nearest Norfolk Human Services location. Call 664-7551 for more information.

STAFF REVIEWING FORT NORFOLK ARCHEOLOGICAL REPORT



The results of the archaeological excavation at the site of the Harbor's Edge CCRC have been received in the Management Summary report of Archaeological & Cultural Solutions, Inc. The Summary provides conclusions as to the 1813 construction of a ravelin or earthen fortification and its surviving ditch and palisade of vertical posts. These elements were designed to create a barrier protecting the water facing artillery at Fort Norfolk from attack by land. Artifacts retrieved from the site included bits of brick, oyster shell, animal bones, English flint, a copper button, bottle glass, clear glass, hand-painted pearlware, refined earthenware, and a prehistoric Native American ceramic fragment.

In addition, the archaeological team discovered a brick-lined circular well, larger than what would be considered 'usual' for a domestic well. Large limestone blocks found in the well may have been leftover from the reconstruction of the Fort in 1808-09, intended as lintels or a belt course in the fort walls. Other early artifacts, including parts of a leather shoe and pieces of a French wine bottle suggest that the well was constructed around 1780, serving an early community on the site. Evidence from an examination of fill-dirt at the top of the well, apparently from the ravelin and palisade trench, suggests that the well was abandoned by 1813 when the ravelin was constructed.

City staff is currently reviewing the information received to finalize a full report of the findings. These findings will address cataloguing and preserving the artifacts. Some artifacts recovered are unstable and need immediate preservation in order to protect them for posterity. It is anticipated that the City Council will receive a final report with recommendation in January, 2005.

LOCAL ARTISTS DO A "CAPITOL" JOB!

For the first time ever, the Commonwealth of Virginia has been given the honor of providing the 2004 Capitol Holiday Tree, also known as the "people's tree." Ornaments for the Capitol Holiday Tree and the companion trees are our opportunity to showcase Virginia's extraordinary wealth of history, natural resources, agricultural products, cultural diversity and heritage.

Lisa Melita, an award winning artist and resident of the d'ART Center, created a beautiful Mermaid ornament for the City of Norfolk to present as it's contribution to this years Capital Tree.

"It is an original design I came up with based on the images of the Norfolk Mermaids. She is crafted of a stoneware clay, has jute hair embellished with stars, seashell bikini top, Norfolk mace in her raised hand and five star emblems flanking the banner. The back is decorated with cut outs from brochures from various Norfolk attractions." (Photos of the front and back of the Mermaid Capital ornament attached.)

Lisa drew inspiration from many of her fellow artists at the d'ART Center. The MacArthur Memorial generously donated materials for the completion of the piece. "The mace was key! Thank you MacArthur gift shop!" said Lisa. The staff at the Memorial was also very enthusiastic about being a part of the process. The Hampton Roads Naval Museum put her in touch with a retired BMC James G. Ripley (a USS Wisconsin docent) who happily put the finishing touch on the ornament by tying several knots on the cording. "BMC Ripley was afraid he had forgotten how to tie the knots after being retired for 30+ years, but once he started it all came back to him. What was really neat was that he tied the knots for me on the deck of the battleship....I thought that was a nice touch" said Melita.

NORFOLK HOSTS ITS FIRST ANNUAL TEEN CULTURE FEST

TEENS +NORFOLK +CULTURE+FEST = YOU

The City of Norfolk and the Division of Youth Development in partnership with the National League of Cities-MetLife Foundation's Youth-City Connection Project proudly presents Norfolk's 1st annual teen-only *Teen Culture Fest* on Saturday, December 11 from 2 – 10 p.m. at the Harrison Opera House, 160 Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk.

The Culture Fest was planned and will be run by the young members of the Norfolk Teen Cultural Committee. The Fest will bring together young people to enjoy great entertainment, good food, a few celebrity guests, give-a-ways, and a teen speak out, totally FREE! The event is for teens between the ages of 13 and 19 and will promote positive citizenry and acceptance among the vast ethnicity present in communities throughout the region

If you are between 13 and 19 years of age, have a desire to learn about Norfolk's rich heritage, meet a new friend, share a laugh or two, perhaps learn a new language, listen to a variety of musical styles, and experience

wonderful stage performances, the Culture Fest is for you! Adult volunteers and security personnel will be on hand throughout the evening.

Parents and guardians may drop teens off anytime during the event and are asked to pre-arrange a pickup time. There will not be any place inside the Harrison Opera House for parents or younger siblings to wait, however, a number of shops and restaurants are nearby.

The City of Norfolk has a long and rich history of commitment and dedication to Norfolk's youth. Two years ago, the City of Norfolk established the Division of Youth Development, to further emphasize its commitment and dedication to youth in Norfolk. The Division of Youth Development was created to act as the "glue" for youth, youth service providers, community-based organizations, and other entities who promote the healthy development of youth in Norfolk. The Division, in collaboration with youth-service providers, youth, families, and other community agencies, is developing a comprehensive strategic action plan for youth development in Norfolk.

YALE TO UNVEIL VIRGINIA SCULPTOR'S TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE THAT WILL SEND PRICELESS WORKS PACKING - SAFELY

Fragile works of art are now free to move about the country and the world, thanks to sculptor/engineer Kevin Gallup and his newly perfected scanner technology.

Though Mr. Gallup is better known locally as the originator of the mermaid sculptures that adorn city streets here, he will soon be recognized internationally for the computer scanning and sculpting devices he and a team at Yale University have recently perfected.

For the past decade the race has been on among engineers to perfect a system that would allow museums to scan opaque, reflective or clear glass works of art and then use replicate a perfect reverse image in foam – allowing for quick, inexpensive & safe transport.

"The scanner just passed right through the glass and bounced off the brass or certain marbles. They just couldn't get the scanner to work on those kinds of materials," Mr. Gallup said from his 11th Avenue studio where

mermaids and various inventions share space with computers. A modern daVinci's workspace melding traditional with technological.

Gallup and Yale have already successfully scanned, packed and transported a \$25 million Constantin Brancusi from Yale to England. A second Brancusi was scanned for a similar flight from the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. on November 17th.

Patents for the scanner are due by December 1st and Yale will formally announce the purchase of the first Gallup Scanning system. According to Mr. Gallup, The MOMA, Getty, Boston Museum of Art Guggenheim and Harvard Museums have each expressed interest in purchasing the systems, which cost an average of \$10,000 for the scanner and cutter (both portable and operable by museum staff).

Gallup will work with the Chrysler Museum of Art here to demonstrate and teach this technology. He will use this technology to replicate the City's 400-year-old mace (a colonial-era symbol of authority bestowed by English royalty), which will be held by the final mermaid placed in the City's Heart & Art Trail. The City will unveil the mermaid and the replicated mace at the Chrysler Museum of Art.

VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ASSIGNED TO RAPID-RESPONSE TEAMS

Two Virginia National Guard units have undergone specialized training to assist law enforcement with a response time of four hours in the event of a terrorist attack. Using \$275,000 in federal homeland security funds, the units will buy body armor, secure satellite communications, walkie-talkies, floodlights and vehicle barriers. They will receive training in how to search vehicles, man checkpoints and secure critical infrastructures. Although U.S. law generally prohibits federal military forces from direct participation in civilian law enforcement, their assistance is permitted in certain emergencies involving nuclear material or any other type of weapon of mass destruction.

SPSA DEVELOPING NEW OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR HAMPTON ROAD CITIES

SPSA member cities, including Norfolk, over the next several months will review the agency's proposal for a new "Use and Support Agreement." As you are aware, SPSA's "Use and Support Agreement" is the master

agreement that provides the regulatory authority, scope of service, and costs for solid waste and recycling services for the participating cities in the region.

SPSA's intent is to have its members discuss the potential agreement this winter and have their reviews of the document completed by the end of March. This timeline provides opportunities for SPSA to respond accordingly and have member agencies execute the new agreement by July 2005. Staff in coordination with Councilman Williams (appointed representative to the SPSA Board), will prepare information on this subject for Council's discussion at the beginning of the New Year. In addition to framing the issues, this information will also address any fiscal impacts related to the new agreement.

RISE IN HAMPTON ROADS HOUSING PRICES EXCEEDS NATIONAL AVERAGE

The average U.S. single-family home price surged in October by 8.5 percent from the same time period a year ago. Low mortgage rates fueled record home sales and strong house price appreciation in most regions of the country, according to a Federal Housing Finance Board survey.

Hampton Roads housing prices rose 27.3% from the third quarter 2003 to the same quarter in 2004. This was the seventh largest increase in the country. According to a study by the National Association of Realtors, the median value of homes in the area was \$143,100 last year and has risen to \$182,200, placing Hampton Roads in the top 10 metropolitan areas for growth.

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Governor Warner has publicly stated that his priorities for the upcoming Assembly session are transportation, economic development in Southside and Southwest Virginia, and public education. Similar to the Governor's priorities, it is expected in an election year that highways and other transportation needs will generate the most attention in the upcoming General Assembly Session.

The Richmond Times Dispatch reported earlier this week that "the Administration and Assembly's own budget experts" have emphasized that despite the expected record surplus; about two-thirds of the money must be used to pay for previous commitments and growing costs of existing programs. One major state obligation is the estimated \$210 million required

to pay for increases in the Medicaid program. The mandated obligations plus the emphasis on transportation will leave little funding for other state and local priorities.

FEDERAL BUDGET UPDATE

The U.S. Congress has finally approved the Congressional Appropriations bill. The late passage was due to considerable debate on how to reduce the growing federal deficit. Senators Allen and Warner, even in a tough budget year were able to ensure funding for several key City projects. These projects include \$400,000 for water/wastewater infrastructure improvements and \$50,000 for the continued study of the Ocean View Shoreline Protection Project. Other notable earmarks include \$2 million for the design and engineering of the Norfolk Light Rail and \$666,667 for the Norfolk-Portsmouth Empowerment Zone.

NEW DOWNTOWN BUS ROUTE TO IMPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE

As a result of a comprehensive review of Hampton Roads Transit's (HRT) bus route in Downtown, a new one-way loop route around Downtown has been recommended for implementation. A presentation on this proposed change was made to the City's Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee at its meeting on August 17, 2004.

All buses in Downtown under the new route will travel southbound on St. Paul's Boulevard, continue west on Waterside Drive, north on Boush Street, east to City Hall Avenue, north to Monticello Avenue, east to Charlotte Street and back north to St. Paul's Boulevard. The recommended route will: reduce the number of miles buses travel in Downtown; help to achieve a better on time performance level; as well as enhance customer service. Implementation of the new route system was scheduled for **January 2005**; however, due to the increased workload related to this proposal and a lack of staffing, the change has been delayed until **May 2005**.

NATIONAL AUDIENCE TO SEE NORFOLK'S PRODUCTION OF HOLIDAY ON ICE



The NBC television network is taping Friday, December 3rd Holiday on Ice's production at the Scope for a national audience that will be aired on Christmas Day. The 4:00 PM EST/PST broadcast sponsored by Capital One and the Child Welfare League of America will have an estimated national audience of over three million people.

The broadcast will make a special appeal to prospective foster parents across the nation through the use of vignettes on the joys and rewards of being a foster parent. The sponsors, working with our Human Services Department, have provided local area children and their foster parents with free tickets for this special event. These special guests, in addition to enjoying the show, will also receive ice cream and cake at the event.

CITY UPDATES

CITY COUNCIL

Broad Creek Renaissance Program Funds. There was a request by Council based on the discussion of the proposed Broad Creek Neighborhood Plan for information regarding project funding. Staff is currently working with NRHA to provide Council a complete picture of project funding as it relates to Hope VI as well as other funding for this neighborhood plan. This information will be distributed to Council at Tuesday's Informal Session.

NORFOLK WELLNESS AND FITNESS CENTER Summary of the October 30th Community Forum

The City Council held a public forum on October 30th at the Center for the purpose of receiving input from the community on the future programming of the Center.

The following are highlights of the responses received from that effort. We wish to thank all the citizens who participated (over 170) in the forum. Your input is greatly valued and will guide the City staff in this planning process.

Key Areas of Interest for the New Center:

- Quality programming
- Multi-generational programming
- Sufficient hours of operation for all to be able to have access
- Programming in the following types of activities:
 - Aquatics
 - Fitness
 - Arts – performing, arts & crafts, dance, music
 - Athletics
 - Senior
- Life enhancing programs that are unique and not typical to a normal recreation center
- Safety of the neighborhood and general “good neighbor” in terms of conduct of Center attendees, traffic, parking etc.
- Emphasis on service delivery/programming versus general office space
- Special interest groups – dance, skateboard park, dog park

Next Steps:

1. City staff is discussing the scope of services requested by the citizens with various service providers who have expressed interest in the Center.
2. Building repairs are underway. The City is completing \$10,000 in repairs to the large indoor pool. We have also been painting interior spaces, as well as making ceiling, flooring, wall and roof repairs.
3. City staff will be providing the City Council in December a proposal on scope of services and providers for the Center.
4. Our goal is to begin offering limited services in the Center after the 1st of January. This will be dependant on the City’s ability to hire staff, such as lifeguards, and on the timeline of the service providers to move into the Center.

Summary of Forum Feedback

Participants broke into 8 groups to provide feedback in a number of areas. A summary of each work groups input follows.

Question 1: As a citywide resource, what should be the mission of the Norfolk Wellness and Fitness Center?

Group 1:

- Serve Community with minimum of negative impact on neighborhood
- Community impact
- Traffic/sanitation
- Recreation
- All citizens, all ages
- Consolidation of Parks & Recreation
- Norfolk Service Center
- Adult day care
- Seniors

Group 2:

- Community outreach for all ages (not social services)
- Affordable
- Fitness-based
- Performing arts

Group 3:

- All age groups/ outside groups
- Aquatics
- Athletics open space

Group 4:

- Titled well, but excluded “community socializing”. Should be more than just wellness and fitness
- Meeting space
- Provide recreation, educational & social opportunities for the entire community
- Family destination – all ages should be welcome
- Performing arts
- Lunch for seniors
- Serve all the citizens in the community

- “Norfolk Community Center – Everything you ever wanted but were afraid to ask for!!!”
- Keep green space, pool
- No commercial use
- Keep security so all feel welcome
- Provide facilities for a wide variety of activities for all residents

Group 5:

- A multi-purpose broad mission because it is such a large facility
- Don't use for office space; keep to mission of recreation/cultural/social
- Enhance life; therapeutic services; long hours to accommodate firefighters, etc.
- Close by neighbors concerned about traffic issues
- Tiered memberships fees; membership card to track people
- State-of-the-art, multipurpose wellness center
- Fee for use

Group 6:

- Multipurpose, intergenerational, all ages & interests represented
- State of the Art multi-purpose Wellness & Fitness Center with a tiered membership fee
- Not a social service facility
- Affordable membership fee

Group 7:

- Activities for all ages
- Early morning
- Provide for cohesive community
- Strive for health & wellness center
- Needs to be a community in itself
- Attractive and safe for people to visit
- Seniors
- Day care
- Dance programs
- Arts & crafts
- Literacy
- Responsible use/community Use

- Dog park
- Swimming pool & swimming lessons
- Picnic tables and barbeques for families

Group 8:

- All age groups including outside groups
- Aquatics major service
- Available and open to use

**Question 2: What are the things that will make the center successful?
What suggestions do you have for ensuring these things happen?**

Group 1:

- Dancing
- Parking
- Social center
- Youth league
- Norfolk Senior Olympian
- City maintenance of property
- Rent for use
- Fund raising from citizens
- Membership – lifetime
- Salvation Army/Crock Foundation

Group 2:

- Financial commitment by City
- Community involvement in types of services and in actual services
- Community building in programs
- Staff (friendly, trained)
- Security
- Parking

Group 3:

- Skate park
- Field
- Dance; performing arts

Group 4:

- Security & supervision
- Balance between youth and older groups
- Easy scheduling method
- Adequate maintenance budget
- Comprehensive operating hours from early to late
- Adequate staffing
- Possible fee for usage/membership. Reasonable fee to keep adequate staffing (trained to maintain mission). Not prohibitive but “controlling” sliding fee schedule
- Board composed of members
- Provide transportation from various areas of city
- Membership card to be on premises for security
- Establish programs that appeal to all ages
- Provide shuttle transportation from various areas of city
- Good cleanliness & maintenance

Group 5:

- Extended hours
- Safety and security – keep crime prevention in mind in planning stages; better lighting.
- Assign police officer or security officers full-time
- Partnership with Norfolk Senior Center? Partnership with YMCA? Partnership with Sentara? Ex: Riverside & Newport News Fitness Center
- 3 to 5 year plan
- Not an office space for city services
- Do a demographic survey for feedback
- Look at what programs the JCC did that were successful
- Charitable sponsorships
- Citizen’s/booster groups for facility

Group 6:

- No drugs tolerated
- Specific times for children and children & parents
- Not a drop off center
- Strong administration, independent
- Safety and security
- Political and community support

- Establish partnerships with existing programs (i.e. YMCA)
- Very professional, well-trained, & well-prepared staff
- Comprehensive hours: early and late
- Free & flex hours
- Supervised teen
- Skate park
- Developmental gymnastics, not competitive

Group 7:

- Membership: fee based or residential based
- There should be a sense of ownership
- Scale of fee base on income
- Compare fees with other area recreation centers
- Success: have offices of groups such as Senior Center, Police Precinct
- Building sense of stability
- Keeping it clean
- Operating hours accommodating different needs but not all night
- Mini Police Precinct
- Parking
- Activities for all ages: 6 months to 102
- Activities for age groups: mornings for seniors; others rest of time
- Provide cohesive activities for physical and mental well-being of all ages
- Space for 21st Street Seniors
- Partner for other organizations to use facilities
- Community within itself – community of people
- Maintain green space
- Security of facility – inside and out

Group 8:

- Safety, maintenance, security
- Financially viable for all. Affordable yet sustaining
- Wellness Center
- Performance Arts Center

Question 3: List any specific programs, activities or services you would like to see provided at the Center that have not been covered or incorporated in the first two questions.

Group 1:

- Dancing
- Pool
- Child care
- Senior services
- Civic leagues
- Ceramics
- Consolidation of Park & Recreation
- Trees
- Review former programs offered on the site; Maintain programs already established by JCC
- Green spaces.
- Some live oaks
- Waterfront
- Don't make us the large assembly spaces
- Independent Board of Directors
- Norfolk Community Center
- Good center/good neighbor
- All ages
- Resources
- Maintenance
- Community Impact
- City funded/Pay by fees
- Center location
- We want updates on programs: compass city league
- Little leagues
- Outside spaces
- Review former Community Plan

Group 2:

- Fitness (aerobic, cardio, youth, swimming, machines, etc.)
- Cultural (performing arts, ballet, drama, etc.) Not to compete with other facilities
- Senior programs (hours: i.e. don't drive at night)

- Educational (language, lectures)

Group 3:

- Reading room – quiet, daily papers, paperback exchange
- Pool – well maintained, programs
- Meal for seniors
- Dancing – good floor, good acoustics, more space than current dance studios. Ballroom, square dance, Contra dance, swing, international.
NOTE: Dance groups will be willing to help pay for a sprung wooden floor being installed in one of the larger rooms.
- Indoor soccer on basketball court
- Boys & girls soccer, girls field hockey
- Computer center – courses
- Study room
- Meeting rooms w/ adequate chairs, tables
- Doesn't need to replicate programs that are already available nearby
- Classes
- Satellite library
- Volleyball (indoor)
- Space for performing arts (rehearsal & performance space)
- Yoga

Group 4:

- Reading room – quiet space
- Pool with programs
- Meals for seniors
- Good floor and space for dancing and gymnastics
- Good use of green space – soccer, field hockey
- Indoor volleyball
- Space for performing arts
- Discussion about duplication of other programs within the City of Norfolk
- Conflicting point of view on importance of location
- Climbing wall
- Indoor soccer

Group 5:

- Very large suspended wood floor. Dance space for square dance, contra dance
- Music room: fine arts, performing arts, tai chi, etc
- Exercise room
- Studio space for musicians and artists
- Tennis courts; soccer fields
- State of the art outdoor play area for children
- Large gym with free-weight, cardio, weight machines
- Keep green space – link by bike trails; exterior space must be well designed
- Dog park in corner if there is space
- Parking issues?
- Senior program for JCC needs to be resurrected
- Pools
- Meeting rooms for special interest groups

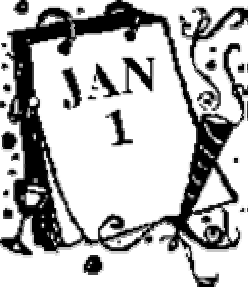
Group 7:

- Swimming, fields
- Dance programs
- Open early morning = 6:30 AM – 9:30 PM
- Dog park. Accommodate pet owners, neighborhood
- Fee-based afterschool programs
- Swimming programs, soccer, sports lessons
- Afterschool activities regulated through Center and fee-based to be used for recreation and study purposes
- Skate park
- Responsible use of facility
- Senior activities
- Senior center
- Literacy

Group 8:

- Skate park: Safe neighborhood; require helmets; lock up at sunset; Now have to driving to Virginia Beach, Hampton, etc.; there is not a skate park in Norfolk.
- Group use of fields

CITY DECALS



City Decals. During the informal session on Tuesday, November 9, 2004, the Treasurer, Tom Moss, presented a plan to eliminate City vehicle decals. I have discussed this option with Mr. Moss in the past and believe there is merit in refining the process to provide greater convenience to City of Norfolk residents.

- It is important to note that there are multiple details to consider and the administration did not have an opportunity to review the Treasurer's plan prior to his presentation. Council is expected to discuss the proposal this week at an informal session and in the formal session on January 4.

COMMUNICATIONS

New Website Event Calendar Introduced. In a joint effort, Communications and Information Technology have introduced a new event calendar on the City's website www.norfolk.gov

The calendar team tailored an application already in use by Civic Facilities to automatically capture a broad range of City events. Department web liaisons and Communications personnel will provide most of the updates.

The calendar currently has events held at:

- Norfolk Scope Arena
- Chrysler Hall
- Harbor Park
- Harrison Opera House
- Wells Theatre
- Attucks Theatre
- MacArthur Memorial
- December events throughout the city

It will also have information on recreation and other City activities, public hearings and forums, City Council meetings, arts organizations, museums and community organizations will be invited to submit events.

Calendar users will be able to for events by date, category or organization – the first time the City has offered this feature.

The calendar feature will also indicate parking, traffic alerts and other information related to specific events.

DEVELOPMENT

Development Department Producing New Marketing Materials. The Department of Development is producing a series of six reports showcasing the past five years of investment. The series will conclude in January 2005. The reports are being inserted in Inside Business (10,000 subscribers) and can also be downloaded once they are produced from our www.norfolkdevelopment.com site under 'press room'. The reports include:

- The Billion Dollar "Neighborhood" : Residential Investment & Progress: Released October 6
- Magnetic Attractions: The Good Life Gets Even Better - Hospitality & Tourism: Released November 1
- Rolling Out The Red Carpet: Neighborhood & Principal Commercial Corridor Investment: Coming November 15
- Brain Power Builds Muscle: Institutional Investment
- Taking Care of Business: Business Investment
- Renaissance By The Numbers: Charts and Graphs tracking successes in all of the above categories, accolades and any new announcements

We are extremely excited about our findings and promise that the last edition focusing on the "big picture" will confirm that Norfolk's initiatives are delivering spectacular results.

FINANCE

City Negotiates Bond Sale. The City of Norfolk negotiated the sale of \$30,905,000 in tax-exempt fixed rate Parking System Revenue and Refunding Bonds with the underwriting firm of Banc of America. The 30 year bonds were sold at a true interest cost of 4.038%. \$19,745,000 of the Bonds were sold to refund higher interest rate bonds and resulted in present value savings of 3.167% or \$594,603. \$11,160,000 will be used to pay for the construction and related financing costs associated with the Boush Street Garage. The bonds were favorably received by both institutional and retail investors alike.



The City also negotiated the sale of approximately \$6.6 million of variable rate bonds to Banc of America. These bonds will finance the acquisition and improvement of the Downtown Plaza Lot. The variable rate bonds were purchased by a single buyer at an initial interest rate of 1.93% and will change each week based on market conditions.

HUMAN SERVICES

Now Playing on Your Local Government Channel. The Department of Human Services presents *Human Services Forum*, a new half-hour informational series on Norfolk Neighborhood Network TV 48. Beginning December 2nd, host Jan Callaghan spotlights The Center for Aging, a unique partnership between the City of Norfolk and Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia. For specific show times please visit www.norfolk.gov/tv48.

Human Services Forum offers a fresh and in-depth look into the social issues affecting our community, such as:

- CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
- CHILDCARE RESOURCES AND SAFETY
- ELDER ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION
- FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION
- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES
- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
- HOMELESSNESS

HUMAN SERVICES FORUM ... TUNE IN, GET THE FACTS AND GET INVOLVED!

**Beginning December 2nd
THE CENTER FOR AGING
www.norfolk.gov/tv48**

Child Care Program. The Norfolk Department of Human Services' Child Care Program aids eligible families in the arrangement and/or purchase of childcare for their children. The program helps promote; parental choice and consumer education, activities to enhance health and safety standards established by the state, and activities to increase and enhance childcare and early childhood development. To determine eligibility for Child Care:

1. Apply at any of the five Norfolk Department of Human Services locations. www.norfolk.gov/humanservices
2. Call the Childcare information line at 664-6175.
3. Go online at www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening. Our ACCESS program allows you to determine your potential eligibility for childcare or assistance programs with the click of the mouse.

Foster/Adoptive Parent Training Classes: January 13, 2005. The Norfolk Department of Human Services stresses the continuing need for Foster and Adoptive families to provide children in crisis with a warm, stable, and loving home. Our curriculum for pre-service foster parent training incorporates both foster and adoptive instruction, so that all parents receive dual certification. The state-mandated P.R.I.D.E. (Parent Resources for Information, Development, & Education) training program is a model of practices, geared toward five competencies:

- Protecting and nurturing children
- Meeting children's developmental needs and addressing development delays
- Supporting relationships between children and their families
- Helping children to develop safe and nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime
- Working as a member of a professional team

If you have ever considered becoming a foster parent or adopting a child, please **call Nancy Brock with HomeFinders at 757-664-6079**. Right now, children are waiting for a place they can call home. Foster and adoptive parent training classes take place at the Norfolk Department of Human Services, 220 W. Brambleton Ave. Additional information about foster and adoptive parenting can be viewed online at: www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/fostercare.asp

Put Extra Cash in Your Pocket with EITC. Low to moderate income families are encouraged to apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit during the next filing season. The EITC remains the single largest federal aid program for working families. This fully refundable tax credit is designed to:

- Increase financial stability
- Reduce tax liability
- Supplement wages

The potential economic impact of increased EITC participation is impressive: in 2002, an estimated *\$5 million* went unclaimed in Norfolk because citizens who were eligible did not file for the tax credit. And this year, according to the IRS, approximately five thousand potential new EITC recipients reside in Norfolk, for a total of more than *\$9 million* in EITC refunds. The average EITC refund for a Norfolk resident is \$1800.

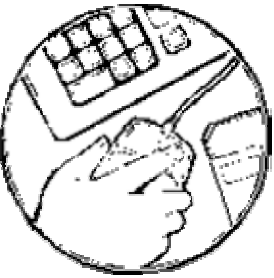
This year, the Department of Human Services has joined with public service agencies, non-profits and businesses throughout Southside Hampton Roads to form the region's first EITC Coalition. The coalition's long term goals include:

- reaching more eligible taxpayers
- recruiting volunteers to provide free tax filing assistance
- encouraging businesses to help educate employees on the benefits of EITC
- establishing more Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites
- using EITC as a gateway to affordable and accessible financial services

For more information on the EITC or how you or your organization can join in the new Southside Hampton Roads EITC Coalition, please contact Jan Callaghan, Public Information and Education at 664-6020 jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov or Patsy Carroll, IRS Senior Tax Specialist, at 213-3959 patsy.carroll@irs.gov

Speakers and Presentations. The Department of Human Services offers free presentations to groups and organizations about its many programs and services:

- Adult Protective Services
- Adult Services/The Center for Aging
- Child Care
- Child Protective Services
- Foster Care and Adoption
- Juvenile Detention
- Public Assistance Programs



Presentations can be tailored to your organization's needs and may include a 12-minute video overview of the agency's role in the community, citizens' resource information and brochures on a variety of topics. Contact Jan Callaghan, Program Manager for Public Information and Education at 664-6020 jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov to schedule a speaker for your next event or meeting

Combating Domestic Violence. Get valuable information to those at risk of, or victimized by, domestic violence. The Department of Human Services has produced Domestic Violence Safety Cards – miniature brochures with valuable information on who to call in an emergency, where to go for confidential counseling, and how to create a safety plan.

Local businesses and organizations are encouraged to provide these safety cards to customers and/or employees in foyers, informational displays or in discreet locations such as restrooms. Domestic Violence Safety Cards and display holders are available by contacting Jan Callaghan, Program Manager for Public Information and Education, at 664-6020. jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov

ACCESS- Online Prescreening for Public Assistance. The Norfolk Department of Human Services offers an easy, convenient, and discreet way for Norfolk citizens to determine whether they may qualify for public assistance benefits. The online program – called ACCESS – allows individuals to anonymously screen themselves for a variety of federal, state and local assistance programs based on their family size and income. ACCESS is available on the City of Norfolk website at www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/prescreening. All 12 of the Norfolk Public

Library's branch locations offer free public Internet access and librarians are available to assist citizens in navigating the site. Informational brochures are available to local agencies, centers, churches and civic organizations at no cost. Please contact Jan Callaghan, Programs Manager for Public Information and Education, at 757-664-6020 for more information.

LIBRARIES

Norfolk Public Library Holiday Hours: All Norfolk Public Library will be closed on the following dates during the holiday season.

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)- All locations close at **12 noon.**

Saturday, December 25 -(Christmas) - All locations closed

Sunday, December 26-(Christmas) - All locations closed.

Monday, December 27 -(Christmas) - All locations closed.

Friday, December 31(New Years Eve)- All locations closed.

Saturday, January 1 (New Year's Day)- All locations

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

Successful Red Ribbon Campaign (October 23-30). Division staff was featured on WVEC TV highlighting the Red Ribbon Campaign – “Take the Drug-Free Road” Anti-Drug Campaign. Community residents were told the history of the program and the importance of the message especially to youth in the community.

On Saturday, October 30th – A “Take the Drug-Free Road” Parade was held in the Berkley community in celebration of the Red Ribbon Campaign. At the conclusion of the parade, a special rally highlighting the anti-crime and drug free theme was featured. While the parade was held in the Berkley community, it truly represented partnership support of the entire Southside community and included Berkley, Campostella Heights and Campostella neighborhoods. This very successful event also had the partnership support of Police (Red Sector PACE Program), Sheriff's Office, Public Works, Libraries, Neighborhood and Leisure Services, community organizations and area businesses. The event was coordinated by the Beacon Light Civic League.

Crime Prevention Awards. Planning is beginning for the 2005 Crime Prevention Awards. To date, 15 people have volunteered to be part of the committee. The first meeting will be November 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Second Patrol Division. Committee members will not only plan the event, but help secure underwriters, sell banquet tickets, and serve as the selection committee.

Distribution of Neighborhood Block Party Kit – Beacon Light Civic League. A Neighborhood Block Party Kit was distributed to the Beacon Light Civic League in support of the Red Ribbon Anti-Drug Community Parade on Saturday, October 30, 2004. Immediately following the parade a rally was held for parade coordinators to re-enforce the importance of the Red Ribbon Campaign. Refreshments and Red Ribbons were distributed to residents throughout the community. For more information, call 441-2400.

Remembering Yesterday. Southside Senior Center enjoyed the wonderful storytelling talent of Norfolk's own "Lottie and Mag" otherwise known as Rebecca Williams Brown and Joyce Gilliam Brown who are sisters. They regularly perform for church groups in the Tidewater area and have recently expanded their area to include senior groups. The sisters regaled the audience with stories of the simple things of life from their own childhood days.

Veterans Day Essays and the "Buffalo Soldiers". Two events at Ingleside Recreation Center honored U.S. Veterans. A Veteran's Day Essay contest involved 23 children, aged 5-13 years old who shared personal stories of family members who were veterans and how the experience affected their lives and their families. The Center also showed the film "Buffalo Soldiers," featuring the stories of African-American soldiers who served during the Civil War.

The Skipjack Norfolk Moves to New Location. On Wednesday, November 24, 2004, the 104-year old Skipjack Norfolk was moved from Norfolk Boat Works where it has been in dry dock for almost two years to its new temporary location at Cobb's Marina in Ocean View. The move was necessitated by the marina's closing on November 30, 2004. The marina and two contractors, Grisham's and the Weston Company combined equipment, manpower and expertise to lift the fragile vessel, mast and boom onto specially equipped flat bed trucks that transported the 71-foot boat across the city escorted by the Norfolk Police Department and Norfolk Harbor Police.

Since the skipjack is wider than a normal traffic lane, it was imperative to map out a safe route through the city.

Initially, the plans to move Skipjack Norfolk included towing it while in the water. However, the current condition of the vessel prohibited safe passage and an overland route had to be developed.

While at Cobb's Marina, the city is attempting to finalize future plans for the renovation and permanent location of the Skipjack Norfolk. Its long storied history included many years of dredging oysters from the Chesapeake Bay, which had restrictions on how oysters could be harvested. In the 1960, the Allegheny Beverage Company purchased the Skipjack and named her the Allegheny. She sailed the Bay as an ecology ambassador until 1978 when she was donated to the City of Norfolk and renamed "Norfolk."

The Good Times Great Neighborhoods Distributed. On December 2, 2004, every Virginian Pilot sold in the City of Norfolk had the new winter 2005 edition of the Good Times Great Neighborhood enclosed. The full edition is available at many recreation centers and on the city's website at http://www.norfolk.gov/Neighborhoods/Recreation/Good_Times.asp

Each library received approximately 50 editions per site. Librarians and center staff were reminded to keep one or two in reserve for reference only.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

- Neighborhood Preservation conducted a neighborhood strategy meeting with City Planning in November. The purpose of the meeting was to review the vacant lots in Olde Huntersville Neighborhood and to evaluate the feasibility of acquisition and development under the City's "GEM PROGRAM". The initial findings revealed that there were over 200 vacant lots within this community that offer opportunities for development that could enhance existing housing stock. Details to follow.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Community News

- A news segment on NNN Norfolk's Neighborhood Network – WCTY, TV 48 – announcing the winners of the “Neighborhood Tool Kits” was featured on Monday, November 15, 2005 on “Norfolk Perspectives. Winners were ***Glengarrif, Ingleside and South Bayview Civic Leagues*** who each received beautiful “Neighborhood Improvement Baskets” as congratulatory gifts from the Division. For more information about the program and further details, call 441-2400.
- Division of Neighborhood Services staff played a major role in the planning of this year's Grand Illumination Parade (GIP). Acting as the Chair of the Awards Committee, staff partnered with the Downtown Norfolk Council, Division of Recreation and the Norfolk Neighborhood University Alumni Association to ensure a strong departmental presence during the parade.

Neighborhood Service Centers

- *National Breast Cancer Awareness Month* was highlighted at each of the neighborhood service centers. Literature and handouts on cancer were distributed to visitors on the importance of monthly breast examinations and regular mammogram tests. In addition, information was distributed to men who are also at high risk for cancer. Fliers were distributed to visitors about key cancer risk factors, stages of cancer and other pertinent information. Other community activities included the Red Ribbon Campaign, Voter Empowerment, civic league and community organizational meetings.

Berkley Neighborhood Service Center:

Several landscaping improvements provided by the Division of Parks and Forestry have been implemented at Berkley. Front shrubbery bushes have all been removed and attractive new landscape designs are being planted at front and rear sections of the Berkley Neighborhood Service Center. The new landscape designs have greatly improved visibility for patrons entering and exiting the grounds. Special thanks are extended to Landscape Coordinator Roxanne Stonecypher and all the workers in Parks and Forestry who collaborated with staff to beautify the grounds. The community is very appreciative of all efforts. Call 664-6450 for additional information.

On Tuesday, November 21, 2004, Mayor Paul D. Fraim, Vice-Mayor Daun S. Hester, City Manager Regina V.K. Williams and Councilman Paul Riddick announced to the Southside community that Farm Fresh is coming to Berkley as the anchor grocery store for their new shopping center. The Thanksgiving Come to Berkley Celebration was highlighted with music from Booker T. Washington High School Marching Band. Southside area principals from St. Helena and Campostella Elementary Schools, business, civic league and over 150 residents came out in the rain for this special announcement.

On hand for this announcement was William Fuller, former NFL football player and native of Berkley who is partnering with the city and NRHA in support of this community project. His Berkley project will finally bring a grocery store to a neighborhood that has wanted one for 25 years. Community leaders and residents were very appreciative of efforts to make this community priority a reality.

Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center: On October 23, a Community Open Forum was held at the Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center regarding the John T. West School property located on Bolton Street. The community meeting was sponsored by the Olde Huntersville Civic League to discuss and evaluate the feasibility of restoring or demolishing the old John T. West School property.

The meeting was attended by Vice-Mayor Daun Hester, Planning Director Tim Polk, NAACP President John Hill, representatives from the Historic Preservationist group and a host of concerned citizens from Olde Huntersville and other concerned neighborhoods throughout the city. A PowerPoint presentation given by the Planning Department highlighted many historical facts about John T. West School that was built in 1906 and closed in 1980. There were many in attendance that felt due to its historical value, there should be attempts to save the school. Many others, mostly residents of Olde Huntersville, would like to see the school torn down. It has caused blight in the neighborhood and many feel that the property could be used for new housing in the area. Vice-Mayor Hester informed the group that something has to be done with the property and those individuals that wish to save the school should form a committee and work to accomplish this task. She stated that to save the school would take hard work, commitment and money and they would have to commit to something soon or the building was coming down. A committee was formed to look into what is needed to save the school. The committee has held two meetings.

Park Place Neighborhood Service Center: The Park Place Neighborhood Service Center is partnering with the Park Place Library to provide program literacy programs in the community. Special efforts are being made to highlight book resources and computer classes available at the library for residents of all ages. Increased usage of the library has been observed as a result of special programs.

The Park Place Neighborhood Service Center continues to collect community donations and items for the Battered Women's Shelter as their community program initiative. Due to space restraints, all interested persons are asked to please contact the Park Place Neighborhood Service Center at 664-7500 prior to the delivery of any further donated items. The response from the community has been overwhelming. Many thanks are extended to businesses, citizens and other special interest groups for their support. For more information on any of the community projects, contact the Park Place Neighborhood Service Center at 664-7500.

The Park Place Neighborhood Service Center is sponsoring a special community project to benefit women living in the Battered Women's Shelter. Division staff is currently collecting goods for the "Care to Share Community Project". Due to recent announcements in the Weekly Brief, community responses towards this project have been overwhelming. Numerous organizations and individuals throughout the Hampton Roads area have responded by delivering a wide variety of products to the center such as clothing, toiletry items and other special gift donations. As a result of the number of donations already given, the Park Place Neighborhood Service Center will be able to help triple the number of families originally expected.

Little Creek Neighborhood Service Center NSC: The Little Creek Neighborhood Services Center was proud to welcome another Active Duty Navy member, GMSN Gabriela Garcia as a volunteer during the month. Special thanks are extended to all Navy military staff that regular volunteer many hours of service to the community. Ms. Garcia provided a wealth of community information about program activities to residents by serving at the main receptionist desk. Miss Garcia also assisted Spanish speaking citizens having difficulty with English.

The Tidewater Mediation Network held its monthly training meeting at the Little Creek Neighborhood Service Center. Agency/Organization/Business representatives from the state of Virginia

participated in the “Employment Mediation Workshop”. Thirty-five persons were in attendance. For more information about program services at the LCNSC, call 664-6300.

The Little Creek Neighborhood Services Center was the site chosen by the Norfolk Public Health Department for an influenza vaccine clinic. The Norfolk Public Health Staff members gave 333 flu shots to residents during a three-day period (November 21- 23).

The Little Creek Neighborhood Center’s tradition of trying to make the holiday season a happy time for families and their children was exhibited towards holiday giving at the center. The Little Creek Neighborhood Center Canteen donated (18) \$50.00 Farm Fresh Gift Certificates to families in need for a total of \$900.00 in community donations. This is an annual contribution by the center to give back to the community. The LCNSC Canteen also donated a total of \$184.00 to the Union Mission and DSS Foster Care.

Volunteers Still Needed

Anyone interested in volunteering to work in any of the Neighborhood Service Centers or other programs in the Division of Neighborhood Services should call 441-2400 for further details.

Neighborhood University

- Neighborhood University (NU) announces receipt of \$100 donation from Wal-Mart Stores in support of Neighborhood University program. Wal-Mart had previously provided financial support to the program. NU extended a special “thanks” for their community partnership support.
- Neighborhood University introduced a pilot program “NU Info Line”. In response to the hundreds of calls and inquiries Neighborhood Services staff receive weekly, the NU Info Line was created and provides a one minute and 30 second message to inform citizens of general Neighborhood University course and enrollment information. The NU Info Line (441-2400, x 232) pilot will officially be enacted in 2005.
- Citizens Training Citizens - this is a true example of Neighborhood University working effectively! Sandra Williams, President of Villa Heights Civic League and Garnzie West, President of Coronado-Inglenook Civic League recently instructed a session of the Fundamentals of Neighborhood Leadership Part 2 course entitled “Building Powerful Community Partnerships”. Williams and West

shared their experiences and lessons learned in community building and trained course participants in building powerful partnerships in their own neighborhoods. Sandra Williams was recently named “Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Advocate of the Year” at the 2004 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference.

- Norfolk Neighborhood Pride Tours - The last Neighborhood Pride Tour of the 2004 season took place on Saturday, November 13, 2004. Throughout the tour season, citizens have said great things about the quality of the tours and have expressed appreciation for the historical information. One frequent participant remarked, “We are looking forward to this last tour, what an adventure in the history of Norfolk. Thanks to all who have made these trips possible.” Tours for the 2005 season is underway.

Statewide Neighborhood Conference – 2005. Plans have already begun for the upcoming 2005 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference to be held in Norfolk, Virginia. Committees have formed to assist in the planning process. If you have any questions related to the conference or would like to sign up to be a volunteer, please call 441-2400 for further details.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Volunteers – The Heartbeat of Norfolk. On Friday November 19, 2004, the center honored its wonderful volunteers. Southside Center presented plaques, certificates and provided a luncheon. There were over 65 participants in attendance. Assistant to the City Manager James Rogers, Norfolk Sheriff Robert McCabe, and members of the Sheriff’s Department were just a few who came as special guests. The entertainment portion of the program included singing, poetry reading, and featured a treasured volunteer, Mrs. Mozella Delk as the guest speaker.

Ingleside Children Learn Important Safety Message – Good Touch vs Bad Touch.

Crisis Intervention Counselor Joseph Paluszak incorporates music and humor to help children learn and confront the sensitive issues regarding sexual abuse. At Ingleside Recreation Center 21 children, aged 5-12 years old learned the three rules of safety: 1) get away, 2) say no, and 3) tell someone. The children earned prizes for answering each question correctly and overall enjoyed the educational presentation.

Safety Print I.D. at Ingleside Recreation Center. Personal Safety was featured at the Safety Print I.D. event at Ingleside Recreation Center where over 60 participants, ages 5-15 were involved. This event was co-sponsored by the Norfolk Sheriff Department and Norfolk State University (NSU) and provided the “Safety Print I.D.” that includes color photo, phone number, height, weight, eye color, hair color and fingerprints. Participants also received pictures with “McGruff” the safety mascot.

Older children were involved in an NSU sponsored event that provided a pre-teen rap discussion that covered topics such as self-esteem, dating, peer pressure, values and critical decision-making processes.

Bayview Recreation Center Highlights

Bayview realized the importance of good neighbors and the importance of celebrating “Good Neighbor Week.” First, Bayview promoted the concept of good neighbors to its recreation participants, informed them when “Good Neighbor Week” should be observed, and that neighbors should treat each other with respect and niceness. Bayview Recreation Center honored two of its highly valued neighbors. The Scouts is a good neighbor to Bayview Recreation Center. Bayview presented the scouts with a card thanking them for helping Bayview to do their environmental Adopt-A-Spot Clean Up and presented the Scouts treats and drinks for the Scouts at their meetings. The Scouts even did an Adopt-A-Spot Clean Up for “Good Neighbor Week.” Finally, Bayview honored John Rogers, community leader and center volunteer, for being a good neighbor to Bayview Recreation Center with a card, flowers, and even dedicated a counter stool where he likes to interact with the youth and serve after school treats.

Fairlawn Recreation Center Highlights

Sixteen Old Dominion University students conducted “mini camps” for soccer, football, lacrosse, volleyball, baseball and cheerleading. The program featured directions for parental involvement as well. With over 150 students and parents in attendance, the camps were deemed a success.

Huntersville Recreation Center Highlights

Over 200 children attended the Huntersville Halloween Carnival! There were different games managed by volunteers from the Fletcher Lodge # 26, Faith Lodge and Faithful Few. Children won prizes and received

bagged candy supplied Recreation Dept. and the volunteers organizations.

Merrimack Landing Recreation Center Highlights:

- The center sponsored a food & gift basket for a local grandmother with a fixed income who just received custody of her three grandsons under distress conditions.
- Tuesday and Thursdays are regular “homework nights” and “practice nights” for the Merrimack Academic and Athletic Association.
- The center’s English as a Second Language class has now grown to 10 participants.

Therapeutic Recreation Highlights

On October 27 the Therapeutic Recreation Center held interviews for spring interns. Gennifer Zumbro from Old Dominion University was accepted into the internship program under Christy Donovan who is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. She will start working at the center in January 2005.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

F.A.C.E. Students Join Teen Cultural Committee. Students from Booker T. Washington High School’s Filipino American Culture Establishment (F.A.C.E.) program have decided to join the Teen Cultural Committee. These students are from diverse backgrounds and are dedicated to making a difference in the community.

Cox Communications’ Take Charge Initiative. Public Affairs Manager Pamela Marino, of Cox Communications has introduced an initiative called *Take Charge-Smart Choices For Your Cox Digital Home* to the South Hampton Roads Youth Partnership. This initiative provides Cox Digital subscribers with guidance in finding programs that are age appropriate for children and beneficial to their development. Children’s Advocate John Walsh, host of America’s Most Wanted is the national spokesperson for Take Charge. An in-service for parents, civic leagues, etc. who are interested in learning how to properly set the Digital Set-Top box can be arranged through Cox Communications and a Take Charge guide is available in the

Division of Youth Development office. For further information contact Mr. Russell, 441-2400 ext. 222 or go to www.cox.com/takecharge

Career Mentorship Program. Felicia Howard of the Division of Youth Development has been selected as one of two City of Norfolk employees participating as peer mentor in the Career Mentorship Program (CMP) for NSU Office Professional Staff. CMP is a voluntary network of administrators and faculty committed to advancing the careers and professional development of office staff personnel within higher education and offers supportive opportunities, with diverse learning modules, for staff to further enhance their professional lives. The program also requires eight hours per month of activities that include one-on-one mentorship, seminars, workshops, group meetings, etc. during the course of an academic year.

Eighth Annual Leadership Summit-Update. The planning committee for the Eight Annual Leadership Summit met in November at Norfolk State University. The committee discussed the overall goal of the summit scheduled for April 2, 2005 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Norfolk State University and this year's theme "Giving Back to the Community." Suggested agenda items include educational breakout sessions with youth facilitators and adult co-facilitators, and entertainment that will feature performances from community bands. Committee members represent such agencies/organizations as Children of the Sun Athletic/Education Foundation, Inc., Youth Matters, Norfolk State University, Office of intergovernmental Affairs (Chesapeake), Neighborhood and Leisure Services, Division of Youth Development and the City Manager's office (Norfolk).

South Hampton Roads Youth Partnership. The South Hampton Roads Youth Partnership (SHRYP) committee met in November. Lou Ann Ivory, Office of the Attorney General, shared some information on the class action presentations that are offered by law enforcement agencies throughout the region that focus of teens and Virginia Law. Presentations can be arranged through Ivory's office. Please contact Youth Development staff Clifton Russell for more information. SHRYP is a regional collaboration of individuals and organizations committed to the positive development of youth. Committee members represent the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach and Suffolk.

Project Learning Workshop. Over 40 youth service providers and educators attended the Project-Learning training sponsored by Foundation, Inc. and the National League of Cities in November. The presenter, Theresa Dealy, talked about project based activities that can provide more intentional and planned learning experiences, while still offering many of the attractive qualities of play.

Mobilizing Youth Presentation. The Neighborhood University (NU) class session Mobilizing Youth for Community Building and Volunteerism was well received by NU participants. The session is offered annually as part of NU's scheduled courses for interested citizens and features a member of the Division of Youth Development as a co-presenter, a representative from VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads and a small group of teens. Presenters focused on the need to build and strengthen relationships between youth and adults and tips on encouraging youth to volunteer on community projects through their civic leagues, churches, and/or recreation centers. The teens participated in an open dialogue segment with NU participants that included discussion of their interests, community involvement, academics, and career aspiration.

Norfolk Youth Planning Committee. The Norfolk Youth Planning Committee (NYPC) met on Tuesday, November 16, at the Division of Youth Development. NYPC consists of representatives from such agencies/organizations as Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia, Norfolk Department of Public Health, Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Norfolk Police Department, Barry Robinson Center, and Norfolk Juvenile Court who serve as partners to help guide the Division and its mission to promote, affirm and strengthen the community's commitment and capacity to support the positive development of Norfolk's youth.

Dropout Rates Decline. According to the Investment in Priorities, Visions and Indicators report published showing data on 50 social indicators selected for the South Hampton Roads region (May 2000), dropout rates have seen a steady decline since the mid-90's. The region's rate has declined faster than the State's and in 2001-2002 the rates were nearly equal.

Congress of Cities Conference. Vice Mayor Daun Hester, Division Manager Elsie Harold and Student Volunteer John Norfleet traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana in December, to participate in the National League of Cities' 81st Congress of Cities and Exposition Conference. Vice Mayor

Hester will co-facilitate a workshop entitled *Civic Engagement: Giving Youth and Families a Greater Stake in Your Community* with John Norfleet. Hester also served as a moderator in another workshop entitled *Investing in Youth: Reducing Juvenile Crime* with presenter Elsie Harold.

Bottom Line Taping. Division of Youth Development Supervisor Clifton Russell and Pastor Scotty Hill of the Tabernacle Church of Norfolk will tape a segment of the Bottom Line television program with Don Roberts on Friday, December 3. The segment will focus on the upcoming Teen Culture Fest scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2004 at the Harrison Opera House. Mr. Hill, a youth pastor, serves as an advisory board member to the Culture Fest and one of many dedicated partners who support the division's vision and mission of promoting positive youth development in Norfolk. The T.V. show will probably air on the next scheduled programming date.

PACE

First Blue Sector: The Sector's goal is to create an environment which provides safe and secure neighborhoods and promotes that feeling among those who live and work in the Sector. Sector officers have engaged in a variety of activities over the last six months, including Crowd Management Team training, National Night Out events and other community festivals, working with the Environmental Crimes Unit and Code enforcement inspectors, and attending civic league meetings.

The Sector has seen what appears to be some emerging gang activity, to which they will devote some extra attention in the coming months. In spite of this issue, however, the Sector's statistical report shows a decline in reported crime 2004 of 21 percent when compared to the first 9 months of 2003.

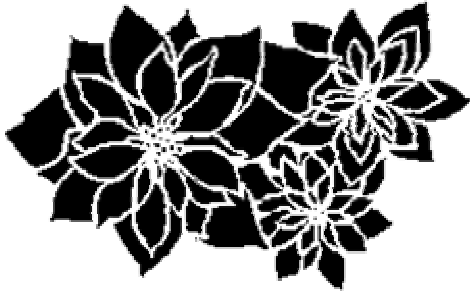
First Gold Sector: The downtown area experienced a 9 percent increase in reported offenses, and discussed the measures they are taking to reduce the rate. The numbers of crimes themselves are very small.

The homeless population in the downtown area continues to be a visible presence. The Union Mission is working towards making some adjustments which may include relocation. In the meantime, the Sector officers continue to work to minimize both the problems caused by the homeless and their potential for victimization by others.

We were also introduced to the new two-wheel personal transport called the "Segway". These transport units give the police access to

patrolling alleys, streets, lots and during special events. Officers are currently being trained in their operation.

Second Red Sector: Goals and objectives included decreasing the amount of real or perceived criminal activity, improve the quality of life in neighborhoods, and enhance the community-police partnership. Specific highlights of activities included efforts to address illicit drug locations and a crime analysis of the greater Wards Corner area, encompassing Wards Corner, Denby Park, Oakdale Farms, Southern Shopping Center, Titustown, and Sussex.



PARKS & URBAN FORESTRY

Highlights from Parks and Urban Forestry

- Parks and Urban Forestry downtown crews planted 7000 pansies in the downtown commercial district. These plants will remain until mid May when they will be replaced with summer blooming plants.
- The City's landscape coordinator attended a Greenroof symposium at the J. C. Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh, North Carolina. Greenroofs and roof gardens, while popular in Europe and some cities in the United States are beginning to be recognized in our area as an attractive option for communities seeking innovative approaches to meeting stormwater regulations and enhancing our existing living spaces.
- To date, 280 trees were harvested from the City Farm for planting throughout the city in various for landscape and streetscape projects.
- The 116 Flower Planters in the downtown commercial district have been re-planted for the fall and winter season. Beautiful violets, evergreens, bulbs and assorted other plants will remain until mid-May when they will be replaced with summer blooming plants.
- The cooler weather has slowed down mowing operations and crews are now directing their efforts to mulching, edging, clean up of hard surfaces, and landscape and tree planting projects.
- The curb appeal renovation of the Berkley Multi-purpose Center has begun. The renovation includes the removal of the existing hedge and fence, landscaping of the parking lot to bring it up to landscape code, addition of new planting beds, and renovation of the existing beds to

add seasonal color and interest. A late November completion date is expected.

PROJECT UPDATES

Norfolk Gardens Storm Drain Improvements. Beginning Friday, November 11th, the eastbound lanes of Chesapeake Boulevard will be closed between Lenoir Circle and Essex Circle. The closure is required to install a storm drain across Chesapeake Boulevard. As a result, eastbound and westbound traffic will form a single lane in each direction between Lenoir Circle and Essex Circle, along the existing westbound lanes of traffic. Following the installation and repaving of the eastbound lanes, the westbound lanes will be closed. The lane closures are expected to last six weeks.

Poplar Halls Intersection Improvements. New traffic signal and new pedestrian signals at Poplar Halls Drive and Glenrock Road are operational. This new signal is the last of four to be installed from the FY-05 Traffic Signalization Improvements project. The signal was installed to improve traffic flow from Glenrock onto Poplar Halls Drive. In addition, pedestrians will be able to use the new pedestrian signals to cross Poplar Halls Drive at Glenrock Road. Also included with the project was the installation of new ADA pedestrian ramps and sidewalks from the intersection of Poplar Halls Drive on both sides of Glenrock Road. These new sidewalks tie into the existing sidewalks near the Military Circle Mall and the Military Crossing shopping areas.

Fairmount Park Water and Sewer Improvements Moves into Phase III. A multi-year project to continue replacing the entire sewer and water systems serving Fairmount Park is underway. Phase I was completed in June. Construction on Phase II is 75% complete. The current construction involves replacing the systems on Chesapeake Blvd. and Tait Terrace and replacing the sewer pump station in that area. Phase III construction this winter will focus on the area between Willow Wood Dr. to the north; Alsace Ave. to the south; Elmore Ave. to the west; and Tidewater Dr. to the east. Phase III is anticipated to take 12 months to complete. The total cost for the three phases is approximately \$5.8 million, with \$445,100 coming from federal grant funding.

Customers will realize service improvements to include reduced sewer system blockages, cave-ins and back-ups; increased water pressure; and additional neighborhood fire hydrants to enhance fire fighting capabilities.

Utilities staff has conducted a series of public meetings and has gone door-to-door to meet with residents affected by the upcoming Phase III construction.



PUBLIC HEALTH

Health Department Promoting Preventive Measures to Limit Flu Outbreak. The City of Norfolk's Health Department, as a result of the flu vaccine supply shortages, is in the process of rolling out a public health campaign promoting preventive measures to minimize the spread of germs that cause colds and flu. According to the campaign, people can take specific actions individuals can take to reduce the spread of germs. A special emphasis of the marketing campaign will focus on reiterating good health practices at day care/pre-schools, schools, work and at hospitals/clinics/care facilities. The campaign will also remind Norfolk residents over the age of 65, or who have a serious medical condition, to seek medical attention at the earliest signs of flu illness.

Flu Vaccine. The Norfolk Department of Public Health continues to participate in the emerging CDC and state plans for influenza vaccine distribution. To date, Norfolk has received 5500 doses of vaccine for persons meeting the CDC Guidelines for High Risk persons.

Distribution has been made to Lake Taylor Transitional Hospital, Norfolk Healthcare Center, Thornton Hall, Harbour Pointe, Autumn Care, Tandem, Province Place at De Paul, St. Mary's Home, Leigh Hall, and the Norfolk City Jail. On-site immunization clinics have been scheduled for Granby House, Suburban House, Tucker House, Golden Years, Sykes MidRise, John Knox HiRise, Bobbitt MidRise, Ballentine Manor, Calvary Towers, Richardson's Adult Center, Cogic High Rise, Franklin Arms, Madonna House, Pinewood, and Lakewood Plaza. Additionally, flu vaccine clinics have been held at Park Place Neighborhood Center, Berkley Neighborhood Center, and continue at Little Creek Neighborhood Center. We are in communication with Sentara Health Systems and Childrens'

Health System to coordinate how we all continue to make these vaccines available to the general public.

PUBLIC WORKS

EOV Intersection to Operate in Flash Mode. Ocean View residents submitted a petition requesting that the Division of Transportation review the traffic signal operations at the intersection of 3rd Bay Street and East Ocean View Avenue. This signalized intersection, based on staff's review, meets the criteria adopted earlier this year for placement in flash operations mode.

Traffic signals in the "Flash Mode of Operations" present the amber signal on the main approach to the intersection and flash the red signal on the minor approach to the intersection. The proposed change was discussed during the East Ocean View Civic League meeting and was unanimously approved. The signals will operate in flash mode from 9:00 PM to 4:30 AM beginning in November.

Plans in the Making for a Waste Management Focus Group. The Department of Public Works and the Norfolk Environmental Commission are pairing up to hold two Waste Management Citizen Focus Group sessions tentatively scheduled for late January. The purpose of the focus group is for residents to provide input on several issues pertaining to waste collection and recycling. Topics to be discussed include bulk waste collection, volume-based rates for waste, increasing participation in recycling and Hurricane Isabel recovery outcomes. Approximately 50 residents, including representatives from civic leagues, will be invited to participate.

Temporary Closure of Kempsville Road. The contractor constructing soundwalls along I-64 will periodically close Kempsville Road at the I-64 Bridge between Virginia Beach Boulevard and Charlney Avenue. From December 1 to January 30, 2005, as work continues on this bridge. Traffic will be flagger-controlled during these lane closures. Two more closures are planned to remove the existing bridge girder and install a new girder, however, these closures have not yet been scheduled.

City Trash Pick Up. Downtown Norfolk Council is working with the City of Norfolk's Public Works Department to evaluate the efficiency of the current schedule of City Trash Pick Up. With many more people living downtown and a much more active restaurant scene, the needs of downtown

have changed. The City has distributed a survey to all downtown users of the city's trash removal service and will use the results to help recommend the most appropriate program. Additionally, the City has delivered more than 100 new trash receptacles. Businesses in particular are urged to follow the city's guidelines regarding proper placement and use of the receptacles. Anyone wishing information or interested in making a comment may call the City of Norfolk 's Department of Public Works at 664-4614.

IN THE COMMUNITY

VIRGINIA STAGE COMPANY NAMES HANNA & STAVA TO MANAGE COMPANY

After reviewing applications from a nationwide pool of candidates, the Board of Trustees of Virginia Stage Company announced that Christopher Hanna would assume the position of VSC's Artistic Director effective January 1, 2005 and that Keith Stava, who has been serving VSC as the Interim Managing Director since July, has been appointed the Managing Director of the Company.

"Virginia Stage Company is thrilled to have secured Chris Hanna to serve as our Artistic Director and that Keith has agreed to remain with Virginia Stage Company for the long-term" said Charles V. McPhillips, President of the VSC Board of Trustees. "With Chris and Keith we have a powerful team of experienced theater professionals whose combined talents will move Virginia Stage Company into a new era of exciting theater for the entire Hampton Roads area. While their theater credits and connections are nationally extensive, VSC will benefit from that fact that they are both permanent residents of the area and deeply invested in the local community."

Hanna brings a wealth of experience to Virginia Stage Company. Beside his current position as Theatre Program Director at Old Dominion University where he has served since 1996, his professional theater work includes eight years as the Associate Artistic Director at Virginia Stage Company from 1983-1991. During that time he directed plays by Williams, Shaw, O'Neil and Churchill on the mainstage of the Wells Theatre and coordinated the Company's New Plays Program. He also directed the premieres of works by Harry Kondoleon and Allan Havis, which earned VSC and the authors awards from the National Endowment of the Arts, the

Guggenheim Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation of the Dramatist Guild, CBS Television and HBO.

Old Dominion University President Roseann Runte indicated “that she was very please that Christopher Hanna’s talent, experience and inspired creativity could be placed at the service of Virginia Stage Company.” She also “was delighted that VSC and ODU would have this opportunity to work in close collaboration.”

“VSC and Hampton Roads have played a key role in my development as a professional artist,” Hanna said, “and I’m grateful for this opportunity to return that investment. As I’ve continued to broaden my leadership skills and national profile in recent years, VSC has matured institutionally, and Hampton Roads has become a cultural destination. I’m now delighted to be joining a first class Board, Managing Director and staff in producing the theatrically dynamic and fully professional repertory that an emerging metropolitan center like Hampton Roads demands.”

“I look forward to continuing my work with the dedicated VSC Board of Trustees and the talented VSC staff as we move the Company into a new era” added Stava.

**REMARKS FOR MAYOR PAUL FRAIM
BERKLEY SHOPPING CENTER/FARM FRESH
CELEBRATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2004**

It’s a pleasure for me to welcome you all here to celebrate the opening of a new chapter in the ongoing revitalization of the Berkley and Campostella communities.

I would like to acknowledge my colleagues from the City Council here -- Vice Mayor Daun Hester, Councilman Paul Riddick and to recognize Delegate Ken Alexander as well.

I want to acknowledge the civic leagues who are here today – from Beacon Light, Campostella, Campostella Heights and the Southside Task Force. Your dedication to this neighborhood is what has made this project come to life.

Let me also thank the Booker T. Washington High School marching band for coming out to help make this a festive event.

The Berkley Shopping Center has been a goal for the Southside for a long time. This is something we've all wanted and all worked hard to achieve.

And today, thanks to Ron Dennis and the good folks at Farm Fresh, we're able to come together here on the site to celebrate Farm Fresh's agreement to develop a grocery store as an anchor tenant for the development.

And on behalf of the City Council, I want to thank Ron and Farm Fresh for their confidence in the City.

Farm Fresh has long been a valued corporate citizen.

It has a well established track record of community service that includes supporting Habitat for Humanity and donating nearly \$200,000 dollars worth of books, computers and other equipment to schools in the area last year.

In addition to its dedication to the community, Farm Fresh prides itself on its commitment to its customers by providing top quality products and excellent customer service.

This formula has made it the dominant force in the grocery business for Hampton Roads.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that I welcome Berkley's newest neighbor and introduce to you the President of Farm Fresh, Ron Dennis.

**REMARKS OF VICE MAYOR DAUN HESTER
GROCERY STORE/SHOPPING CENTER
ANNOUNCEMENT**

NOVEMBER 23, 2004
BERKLEY

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN ... THE DAY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR AND PRAYING FOR HAS FINALLY ARRIVED.

THIS COMMUNITY DATES BACK TO 1646.

IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG ... BUT IT'S BEEN LONG ENOUGH.

THE LONG AWAITED GROCERY STORE AND SHOPPING CENTER MAY BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE MOST DISCUSSED, REVIEWED AND DEBATED PROJECTS IN THE CITY'S HISTORY.

I AM PROUD TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THIS CITY COUNCIL AND THIS ADMINISTRATION HAVE DELIVERED ON A PROMISE THAT WAS MADE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHSIDE MORE THAN TWO DECADES AGO.

THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME, THE RIGHT SITE AND THE RIGHT PROJECT.

AND ... WE COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER COMPANY TO BUILD THE GROCERY STORE ... OR A FINER GROUP OF INVESTORS AND DEVELOPERS TO CONSTRUCT THE SHOPPING CENTER.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW ... ONE OF THOSE DEVELOPERS ... WILLIAM FULLER ... GREW UP A BLOCK AWAY FROM THIS SITE.

FOLLOWING A STELLAR CAREER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE ... MR. FULLER HAS RETURNED TO NORFOLK TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE RENAISSANCE OF THIS HISTORIC AND PROUD COMMUNITY.

WILLIAM, WELCOME HOME.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT WILL ACCELERATE THE PACE OF THE REVITALIZATION OF THE SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY – THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF BERKLEY, CAMPOSTELLA HEIGHTS AND CAMPOSTELLA.

THE MERE FACT THAT THREE REPUTABLE COMPANIES ... FARM FRESH, FULCO DEVELOPMENT AND PERRINE WHEELER INVESTMENT REAL ESTATE ... ARE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT SHOULD SERVE AS A CATALYST FOR OTHER COMPANIES TO INVEST IN THIS COMMUNITY.

IN CLOSING ... I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE, PRAYERS, UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION DURING THIS LONG JOURNEY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU AGAIN IN THE AISLES OF THE NEW FARM FRESH GROCERY STORE IN THE HEART OF THE NEW SHOPPING CENTER IN SOUTHSIDE.

THANK YOU.

FYI



PREPARE FOR WINTER POWER OUTAGES ***SAFETY TIPS: GENERATORS AND ALTERNATIVE HEAT SOURCES***

This year's winter season could produce storms that cause power outages. Should this happen, many Virginians will have to turn to a generator or some type of non-electric alternative heat source like a fireplace, wood stove or a kerosene or propane heater in order to stay warm indoors. However, people should be aware of the potential hazards in using these alternative heat sources.

"Injuries or deaths can occur when people do not take the proper safety precautions with their alternative heat sources," said Michael Cline, state coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. "Not only should everyone have some form of alternative heat source, but they should also know how to safely use it."

As with any fuel-burning device, follow the manufacturer's instructions, ventilate properly and guard against fire. Additionally, in the event of a power outage, anyone who plans to use a generator or alternative heat source should follow these recommendations:

Fireplaces and Wood Stoves

- Fireplace and wood stove chimneys should be inspected annually and cleaned if necessary. They often build up creosote, the residue left behind by burning wood. Creosote is flammable and needs to be professionally removed periodically.

Kerosene and Propane Heaters

- Keep heaters at least three feet away from furniture, blankets and other flammable objects. Never set the heater on a chair or table. It should sit only on an uncarpeted floor.
- Never substitute one type of fuel for another.
- Keep an eye on your heater at all times while it is running. Shut it off before you go to bed or when you leave the house. Never run a portable heater longer than the manufacturer recommends.
- Wait for the heater to cool before refueling it. Kerosene has a low flash point and might cause a fire if it comes into contact with a hot surface.

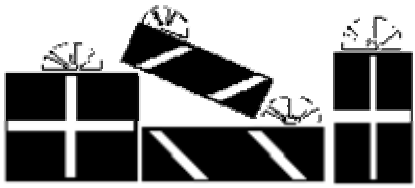
Generators

- Generators should always be operated outdoors. They produce carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless gas that is toxic and causes poisoning or death.
- Do not operate generators in any space that is enclosed or partially enclosed like a garage, crawl space or basement. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not provide enough ventilation to prevent the build-up of carbon monoxide gas.
- Portable generators should have a canopy-like cover to keep them dry and away from rain or snow.
- Use only outdoor-rated extension cords that are properly rated for the specific generator. Extension cords should be plugged directly into the generator.
- Never try to power the home by plugging a portable generator into a wall outlet, a practice known as "backfeeding." This is extremely dangerous and may cause an electrocution risk to utility workers and neighbors served by the same utility transformer

BEATING THE HOLIDAY BLUES

Provided By Norfolk Community Services Board

Whatever our beliefs and traditions, the winter holidays are heartfelt and full of promise. Our families will be together and happy; the children will be grateful and good; our partners will be gracious mind readers; we



will have enough time and enough money; our spirits will be filled with peace and love. Or not.

More likely, say the experts, the common holiday experience of adults and children alike will be stress.

Dateline NBC and Prevention magazine conducted a poll to find out how much stress people feel during the holidays. Forty-one percent of those polled owned up to holiday stress, ranking it right up there with asking the boss for a raise. Money was the chief cause of stress, and women were more likely than men to feel holiday pressure. In spite of it all, however, 62 percent say they still look forward to the holidays.

The following suggestions can help to make the holidays a little less stressful and blue, and a lot more enjoyable:

- Keep holiday expectations realistic. Remember, those idyllic holiday movies and television programs are fictional, so don't try to capture them in real life.
- Do not even think of trying to do everything yourself. Spread those holiday responsibilities among all family members. The only people who get everything done they had hoped to are the ones who have a large staff of paid helpers.
- Don't overbook activities and events. There are still only 24 hours in a day, and you still have a finite amount of energy. Use your time and energy where it will assure the greatest pleasure.
- Don't overspend. Plan a holiday budget and stick to it. Overspending causes stress not only during the holidays, but for months afterward as the bills pile up. Inexpensive gifts can be meaningful, too.
- Keep your boundaries and sense of perspective when visiting family. The magic of the season probably does not extend to making an ideal family of relatives who did not get along before the holidays.
- Establish or maintain traditions that you enjoy and that do not increase your stress level. Give yourself permission to set aside an occasional evening for fun, such as driving around to see the holiday lights other people have put up for your viewing pleasure. There is no need to compete. Just enjoy.
- Keep your sense of humor. It is still the best medicine. Those things you cannot control—the flour that fell all over the kitchen when you opened it, the cookies the dog ate while they were warm and gooey—can be a cause for laughter. It not this year, then perhaps next year.

- If all else fails, remember that the holidays don't last forever, and even this one will pass before long. People will remember the things you did do and will not know about the ones you never got around to.

THE HOLIDAYS AND RELAPSE PREVENTION

A Message of Hope for People in Recovery—A Message of Help for the People Who Love Them

Provided by Community Services Board

The holiday season can be stressful for everyone, and people in recovery are more vulnerable to relapse at this time of year. To make the holidays recovery days, read on.

The holidays present many unforeseen opportunities to drink and use drugs. The holiday season cultivates a variety of intense emotions that might not be felt at other times of the year.

Remind loved ones that they are not alone in their desire for a clean and sober holiday season. In private, offer your assistance in preventing relapse. Remind them to ask to help before taking that first drink, puff or sniff.

Recovery is not a Dirty Word nor is Relapse

Many of us know people who are in recovery from a wide range of substances, including nicotine. If a person shares this fact with others, his or her family, friends and co-workers are encouraged to inquire into the potential for relapse. Discussing this topic may feel awkward. Yet, addiction is a disease and recovery is the treatment for it. Discussing issues surrounding recovery is no different from discussing progress in the treatment of heart disease, diabetes or other illnesses.

High-Risk Situations and Vulnerable States of Mind

Persons in recovery should create plans of action for when high-risk situations occur, because high-risk situations will occur. High-risk situations are events that trigger an urge to use drugs, nicotine, or alcohol. It can be as simple as someone offering an alcoholic beverage, a pull of marijuana, or a sniff of cocaine or heroin.

High-risk situations may present themselves as intense internal emotions—feelings of anxiety, irritation, frustration or disappointment. Emotions such as joy, excitement, or enthusiasm are also intense and often precede the use of drugs and alcohol. All of these emotions create potentially vulnerable states of mind.

Checklist for Relapse Potential

- Increased exposure to alcohol and drugs at parties and family gatherings.
- Added financial burdens of the season
- Exposure to larger crowds in malls, shopping centers and grocery stores
- Disruption of normal daily routine
- Disruption in ability to exercise
- Interference with AA, NA and other support group meetings
- Disruption in access to therapist
- Increased exposure to high-risk family members or active users
- Heightened emotions surrounding negative holiday memories
- Heightened anxiety regarding triggers and cravings to use

These factors can lead to physical and emotional exhaustion. The severity of each of these factors will be different for each person, yet each must be addressed.

If three items are indicated as potential problems, the risk of relapse is mild. Four to six items indicate a moderate risk. Seven or more items indicate a severe risk of relapse.

Sharing this checklist is one way of letting loved ones know that you care and are willing to help. No one has to relapse. When relapse is avoided, motivation and self-confidence grow.

Commend Progress—Do Not Glamorize Substance Abuse—Make No Permission-Giving Statements

Holiday get-togethers are perfect occasions to privately acknowledge any observed growth and progress witnessed by you and others. It is important not to glamorize addictive behaviors (describe drinking or using drugs as “cool” or “fun”), and never make permission-giving statements, such as:

‘C’mon, just one drink won’t hurt’

'It's just beer (wine, eggnog, champagne)'
'Have a glass with dinner. Just eat something and you'll be OK'
'Oh, you can have a toast with us'
'It's the holidays. You can stop if you want to.'
'Don't worry, I won't let you get drunk.'

These and similar comments can undo a lot of hard work by the person in recovery. Come to their aid if a family member, friend or guest makes such a comment. Tell them in a calm, straightforward manner that such comments are not appropriate. Remind the person making the offer that such comments are counterproductive.

One of the greatest sources of strength can be for you to join the person in recovery in adopting a personal no drinking, smoking or drug-taking policy. First of all, there is an added health benefit for anyone who refrains from the use of these substances. Also, the person in recovery will not feel isolated, especially if there are family members or guests drinking, smoking or using drugs.

Refusal Responses

Refusal responses provide for healthy alternative behaviors that are helpful in working through the urge or temptation to use drugs or alcohol. Persons in recovery are encouraged to create their own customized refusal responses, based on past experiences and personal interests. This gives the refusal response special meaning. Following are examples of common refusal responses.

7 Refusal Responses to High-Risk Situations and Vulnerable States of Mind

1. "You've come so far in your treatment. Don't blow it now. Let's go to the mall and catch a sale."
2. "We don't need drugs or booze to have fun. I'm bored too. Let's go watch the football game."
3. "Only guilt and shame will result from using drugs or alcohol. You really don't want that. Let's go listen to some good music."
4. "This urge will only last fifteen to thirty minutes. Let's go play catch."
5. "If you're feeling anxious, maybe your blood sugar is low. Let's go get some ice cream."

6. “Let’s go rent a video or go to a movie. Mood altering substances are a waste of time, money and energy.”
7. “Don’t forget the harmful effects alcohol, cocaine and heroin have on the brain, heart and liver. Let’s be kind to our bodies and take a walk on the beach or a hike in the woods instead.”

Norfolk Alliance for People with Mental Retardation – will meet on
January 20 at
1161 Ingleside Road. Meeting time is 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m with social period
beginning at
6:30 p.m. For more information call Pat McKeil at 423-7609.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

ARTS WITHIN REACH

15 (Weds.) 10:00 a.m. – Barbara Chapman, Harp. A
seasonal concert of classical and holiday music, performed by
Virginia Symphony principal harpist Barbara Chapman. *Holy
Trinity Catholic Church, 155 W. Government Ave.* 664-4321

Arts Within Reach, produced by the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, is a series of free performances showcasing Norfolk performing arts organizations and artists. The series introduces audiences to the arts in an informal atmosphere that encourages interaction between performer and audience. All *Arts Within Reach* performances are **free and open to the public**. Inquiries can be made at 664-4321.

CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

Information is subject to change. Please call (757) 664-6200 for confirmation.

The Quilts of Gee’s Bend--Highly Anticipated Exhibition Celebrates Multi-Generational Artistry of One Community in Southern Alabama
Now through January 2, 2005

Hollywood could hardly create a more unlikely scenario than the extraordinary success of the Gee's Bend quilters. The script would read like this: Generations of African-American women living in a poor, isolated rural community in the Deep South make quilts to keep their families warm and to brighten their homes. Their quilts are "discovered," collected, and displayed as major works of art in a traveling exhibition that takes the country by storm. Organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Tinwood Alliance of Atlanta, *The Quilts of Gee's Bend* marks the first time these stunning quilts have been seen in a public forum.

The exhibition has been shown to critical acclaim at such museums as the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., and most recently at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Now, the Chrysler brings these extraordinary creations to Hampton Roads.

The remote rural community known as Gee's Bend occupies an area of land some five miles across and seven miles deep inside a horseshoe-shaped bend in the Alabama River. Geography has defined life in Gee's Bend over several generations. The first African Americans to settle in the area were the slaves of John Gee, for whom the Bend is named. Cut off on three sides from the outside world by the Alabama River, a ferry operated sporadically until the 1960s. Much like an island, the community remained insulated in large measure from the forces of change. The descendants of the first people in Gee's Bend continued on as small farmers who did well in the early 1900s when cotton prices were high. They suffered as cotton prices declined in the 1920s and fell on very hard times during the Great Depression. What nature created at the Bend, history has reinforced. Isolation is only half the story of Gee's Bend; the other half is tradition. Because the inhabitants of Gee's Bend were left largely to themselves for nearly 100 years after the end of the Civil War in 1865, many of the community's traditions and folkways survived virtually unchanged well into the 20th century. Quilting is one of the most important of these traditions.

The quilts in the exhibition represent four generations of artists who took fabric from their everyday lives—corduroy, denim, cotton sheets, and well-worn clothing—and fashioned them into compositions that more closely resemble modernist abstract paintings than familiar quilt patterns. The women learned the craft from their mothers or grandmothers but the emphasis was always on individuality and innovation. Quilters made the tops by themselves and occasionally got together for the quilting. Most of the quilts in the exhibition are of the type known as piece, strip, or patchwork. As Mensie Lee Pettway, a Gee's Bend quilter says about tradition of quilt-making, "A lot of people make quilts just for your bed, for

to keep you warm, but a quilt is more. It represents safekeeping, it represents beauty, and you could say it represents family history.”

The exhibition is accompanied by a full schedule of educational programs as well as an audio tour and 25-minute video featuring the quilters of Gee’s Bend describe their experiences in their own words.

The Chrysler’s presentation of this exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Admiral Benjamin T. Hacker, former Museum Trustee, decorated Naval officer, and community leader.

THE CHRYSLER CELEBRATES THE SEASON

December 15 (Open until 9 p.m. by voluntary contribution)

12:30 p.m. / Gallery Chat: Art of the African Continent

Cairo, Timbuktu, Mali – the names conjure exotic images of colorful and faraway places. A Museum docent will lead you through the African and Egyptian galleries, making stops to examine drums, masks, statues, jewelry, and sarcophagi. From intricate wood carvings to hieroglyphics, the arts of Africa are as rich and varied as the continent from which they come.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection

6:15 – 8:45 p.m. / The Art of Jazz with Anna Gunn – in Huber Court.

7 p.m. Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection

December 19

1 p.m. / The Quilts of Gee’s Bend Gospel Brunch

Southern cooking never tasted so good! Enjoy fried chicken, meatloaf, collard greens, buttered corn, potato salad—not to mention punch-bowl cake and cobbler—from Shirley’s Kitchen while hearing a joyous concert from local gospel groups. Cost: \$10 adults, \$4 children, plus Museum admission. Space is limited; reservations strongly suggested. Please call 333-6268.

2 – 5 p.m. / Sunday Afternoon Quilting Bee

Every Sunday during the run of The Quilts of Gee’s Bend, Museum visitors may create their own 12 × 12 inch squares that will become a part of the Chrysler’s Community Quilt. No experience is necessary. For more information please call 333-6283.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection – Included with Museum admission.

December 22

6:15 – 8:45 p.m. / The Art of Jazz with Reggie Gist – in Huber Court.

December 24

The Museum and Historic Houses will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve Day.

December 25

The Museum and Historic Houses will be closed Christmas Day.

December 26

2 p.m. / Public Tour: Highlights of the Permanent Collection – Included with Museum admission.

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December 29

10 a.m. – 9 p.m. / Community Quilting Bee

You are invited to be a part of the Community Quilting Bee. Participants will assemble the squares created by Museum visitors throughout the run of The Quilts of Gee's Bend into multiple quilts. The resulting quilts will travel to local schools, libraries, and cultural organizations for display in 2005 – 06, finally to be donated to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk for use in incubators, cribs, and waiting areas. Cost: free and open to the public. For more information, please call 333-6268.

2 p.m. / Public Tour: The Quilts of Gee's Bend

6:15 – 8:45 p.m. / The Art of Jazz with Sonya Lorelle – in Huber Court.

December 30

12 p.m. / HolidayFest! One World, Many Celebrations

Bring the family and join in song, dance, and the festivity of a global celebration. Learn about holiday history and traditions, create your own decorative work of art, and snap your fingers to a myriad of holiday sounds. The Chrysler celebrates HolidayFest! 2004 with seasonal observances of the Americas, Asia, and Europe. Cost: included with Museum admission.

COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the October performances in its *Arts Within Reach* series. From Berkley to Ocean View, from Park Place to Five Points, the Norfolk Arts Commission presents and supports free programs that truly bring art within your reach. *Arts Within Reach* features free performances, workshops, and demonstrations in neighborhoods throughout the City. Get to know local artists while you enjoy their talent and creativity in a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, visit www.norfolkarts.com.



CONTINUING

The Quilts of Gee's Bend continues through January 2nd, 2005.
Location: Chrysler Museum of Art. 664-6200*

*admission or fee is charged for these events

It's HOLIDAY TIME at d'Art Center!

d'ART SMART - This holiday season, the d'ART Center kicks off d'ART SMART, an initiative to provide Art Supplies to deserving youth. For Over 10 years, the d'ART Center has provided art instruction to under-served children and at-risk teens, witnessing first hand that Success with Art contributes to Success with Life. This year, with your help, even more children can benefit from Art. Please help by bringing unwrapped art supplies to the d'ART Center when you visit our HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP, open Nov. 20 -Jan 2. For more information call 625-4211.

Now - January 2 ~ d'ART Holiday Gift Shop - Come see the Holiday decorations and shop the Front and Main Galleries for a wonderful selection of one-of-a-kind gift items created by over 50 artists. The d'ART SMART Art Supply Donation Center and the d'ART Center Holiday Gift Shop will

be open through out the Holidays, Tues - Sat 10-6:00 pm and Sundays 1-5pm.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 14 - Feb 27 - New Art New Wine '05 The Last and final Hurrah at 125, Wine Tasting Reception and Get- away Silent Auction Friday January 14, 6-8pm

Admission is Free. Open to the Public: Tues- Sat 10:00 - 6:00pm and Sunday 1:00-5:00pm. d'ART Center 125 College Place, Norfolk VA. For more information please call 625-4211 or visit our website www.d-artcenter.org

ARTISTS ARE INVITED to participate in the d'ART Center's 15th Annual Mid-Atlantic Art Exhibition, "Open to all Media 2005", April 22-June 26, 2005. This juried exhibition is presented for the purpose of celebrating Contemporary Fine Art. d'ART Center, a private non-profit corporation supported in part by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Business Consortium for Arts Support and the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, is a working studio center for visual arts where artists create, display and sell original fine art. It is part of the d'ART Center's mission to provide the public with the means to experience excellence in fine art, connect with artists and art, and offer opportunities to artist to excel. This event is part of the Waterfront Wave 2005.

Entry forms are available through the d'ART Center by calling 757.625.4211 or emailing: d.artcenter@rcn.com. Entry forms, fees and slides are due by 5pm on **MARCH 1ST, 2005**.

The d'ART CENTER is a regional, private, non-profit, visual art facility featuring 40 resident visual artists creating, displaying and selling original fine art. Our special events support the center's mission of connecting the public with the visual arts process. Admission to the d'ART Center is free and open to the public Tues –Sat 10-6pm and Sunday 1-5pm. We are currently located at 125 College Place, Norfolk VA 23510 ~ moving to Selden Arcade in early 2005!

For more information about these or any other events at d'ART Center, please call **757.625.4211** or visit our website

GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection. The MacArthur Memorial will unveil a new exhibit this March. The exhibit, called From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collections, features Asian art and artifacts drawn from the MacArthur Memorial's permanent collection and provides a rare opportunity to view an eclectic collection of never-before-seen artifacts.

Sponsored by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, the exhibition brings together outstanding examples of indigenous art from East Asia and elegantly demonstrates how the MacArthurs played a role in the lives of well known historical figures.

Highlights include an array of Philippine wood sculptures, cloisonné, beautifully painted screens, antique ivory figures, lacquered chests and other objects d'art. In addition, a collection of Kutani, Imari, Celadon and Satsuma porcelain will be featured.

From Manila to Peking: Asian Treasures from the MacArthur Collection will run until February 28, 2005.

The MacArthur Memorial is open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday from 11am to 5pm. The museum is closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is free. For more information, call 757.441.2965 or visit macarthurmemorial.org

HERMITAGE FOUNDATION MUSEUM

On the importance of being small: Small works invite the viewer in for a moment of intimate connection and close scrutiny of image and medium. Small scale accentuates awareness of richness and depth of paint, or watercolor's fluidity and varied visual textures in mixed media. Small often allows, even encourages, fragmentation of image as well as inclusion of only that which is essential to communicating the artist's idea. (A paraphrased statement by 1993 Miniature Show Juror, Marlene Jack)

Show Closes: *Friday, December 31, 2004*

Museum Hours: Monday – Saturday (closed Wednesdays) 10am – 5pm

Sunday 1pm – 5pm

Gallery Admission: By Donation

Location: The Hermitage Foundation Museum Gallery
7637 North Shore Road
Norfolk, VA 23505
Ph: 757-423-2052

Email: info@hermitagefoundation.org

Web: www.hermitagefoundation.org

TAA website: <http://tidewaterartists.tripod.com/>

Tidewater Artists Association, Inc., (TAA) is a not-for-profit organization of professional artists and patrons of the arts. The purpose of TAA is to support, develop, and promote visual arts in the Hampton Roads Area. This juried exhibition is coordinated by TAA in cooperation with the Hermitage Foundation Museum.

This year's exhibition will be juried by Carlton Abbott of Williamsburg, VA. Mr. Abbott is a nationally recognized award winning artist and architect. Awards given this year will include Best in Show, Best Innovative Use of Media, Award of Excellence, Award of Merit, Judge's Choice Award and Special Sculpture Award (Anne Myers Award).

The exhibition will include all mediums in a variety of shapes and themes. All Two-dimensional works will not exceed 20 square inches in size, while sculpture will not exceed 350 cubic inches.

Most of the works will be for sale, just in time for Holiday Gifts (*small work means smaller prices*)!!!

Chairperson:	Lynne Sward	757-497-7917
Hermitage Contact:	Kristin Law	757-423-2052 ext 204

HURRAH PLAYERS

THEATRE CLASSES

21ST SEASON

Show Dates and Times:

HOLIDAYS IN VIRGINIA

December 10, 2004 - 7:00 PM

December 11, 2004 - 3:00 PM

December 12, 2004 - 3:00 PM

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER AND HAPPY HANUKKAH MY FRIEND

December 11, 2004 - 7:00 PM

AMAZING GRACE

February 18, 2005 - 7:00 PM

February 19, 2005 - 3:00 PM

February 20, 2005 - 3:00 PM

WILLIE WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

March 18, 2005 - 7:00 PM

March 19, 2005 - 3:00 PM

March 19, 2005 - 7:00 PM

March 20, 2005 - 3:00 PM

March 25, 2005 - 7:00 PM

March 26, 2005 - 3:00 PM

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March 27, 2005 - 3:00 PM

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

May 20, 2005 - 7:00 PM

May 21, 2005 - 3:00 PM

May 22, 2005 - 3:00 PM

FOOTLOOSE

July 29, 2005 - 7:00 PM

July 30, 2005 - 3:00 PM

July 31, 2005 - 3:00 PM

All shows are performed at the TCC Roper Center on Granby Street in Norfolk. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20. Call 627-5437 or visit www.hurrahplayers.com for more information.

LIBRARIES

Christmas Crafts. 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 15, 22. Visit the Larchmont Branch Library and create hand-made items for the holidays. Design a card one week, make an ornament another or create a gift the next week. The holidays are for caring and sharing and brightening someone's day with gifts from the heart. Age Groups: Family. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335

Holiday Storytime at MacArthur. 10:00 a.m., Wednesdays, December 15, 22. Share some holiday stories in the Center Court at MacArthur Center Mall before doing your shopping. Storytimes will be held December 15, and 22. Age Groups: Preschool. Kirn Memorial Library, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323

Something in the Kitchen Smells Yummy! 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 9. Help us make a house for our gingerbread boys and girls. There will surely be plenty of gumdrops and peppermints to go around! Age Groups: School Age. Pretlow Branch Library, 9640 Granby Street. 757-441-1750

Ho, Ho, Ho, Meet Santa. 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 15. Join us for Christmas stories and a visit from Santa Claus. For this Holiday Celebration bring your Camera for a picture with Santa. Age Groups: Family, All Ages. Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue. 757-441-2844

All Aboard for the Polar Express! 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 16. Catch the Christmas Spirit today at our Special Holiday Storytime. "The Polar Express" and other enchanting yule time stories await you. A Special Holiday video is included in the program. Age Groups: Preschool. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

The Holiday Season is Here! 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 16. Enjoy our holiday stories and music, then celebrate the company of friends at our party! Age Groups: Preschool. Pretlow Branch Library, 9640 Granby Street. 757-441-1750

Lafayette Library's Third Grand Illumination. 6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 16. Come sip some cider and have cookies with us as we light our luminaries and enjoy the beautifully glorious site of our decorated walkways. It's a very special night at our library! We'll be singing carols on our front porch, listening to beautiful holiday music, with an added bonus ... a special visit from Santa! Bring the entire family and your cameras, take time out from your busy holiday schedule to sit down, and enjoy a relaxing hour at our Lafayette branch. We'd love to have you join us! Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842

Hands on Holiday Activities. 3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 18. Kids, come to the library for an hour of holidays hoopla. Make it and take it, but

please don't break it. Age Groups: Preschool, School Age. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843

Larchmont Book Club. 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 20. The Larchmont Book Club will meet and discuss Jan Karon's SHEPHERDS ABIDING. Refreshments will be served. Age Groups: Adults. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335

Tis the Season to be Jolly! 6:30 p.m., Monday, December 20. Catch the Holiday Spirit at tonight's Free Program, which includes stories, music, a special holiday film and refreshments. The captivating film "On Christmas Eve" highlight tonight's program. Age Groups: Family. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

What is Kwanzaa? 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 21. Learn about Kwanzaa with stories and crafts @ the library. Age Groups: School Age. Barron F. Black Homework Center, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive. 757-441-5806

Santa Visits Blyden. 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 21. Just in case you thought you missed Santa, he will be appearing at Blyden library. Oh yes, bring you list, because he is checking it twice. Age Groups: All Ages. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852

A Kwanzaa Event - Celebration Dance: West African Workshop. 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 28. Celebrate African heritage with the Suwabi African Dance performers from Young Audiences of Virginia. Lead dancer Ofosuwa Abiola offers experiential approach to learning through procession, call and response, and the drum call as students learn the Celebration Dance. Discover the traditions and customs of West Africa as we observe Kwanzaa. Age Groups: School Age, Teens. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842

NAUTICUS

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, is looking for volunteers; ages 14 and up. We also are interested in senior/retired adults who would enjoy

giving back to the community volunteering for a few hours a week. Nauticus has volunteer opportunities such as: Cruise ship, Education, Aquarium, and volunteering in the gift shop. If interested please call: 664-1043, or e-mail Barbara.weingartner@norfolk.gov

December 2004

Calendar of Exhibitions, Events, & Programs

Because events are subject to change, please call ahead to confirm. For additional information, call Stephanie Kirby at (757) 664-1017 or 1-800-664-1080, ext. 41017. The public may call (757) 664-1000 for information. Events are included in Nauticus admission unless otherwise noted.

Traveling Exhibits

Open through January 2, 2005

Playing with Time. Take a journey to the unseen world of natural changes too fast or too slow for humans to perceive! Experiment with high-speed photography, time-lapse videos, natural records of change like eroded rocks and lake cores, and other “time-shifting” techniques to discover the changes that take place in the world beyond our perception. Plus, see some of the tools that help scientists make sense of how our world works!

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Programs & Events

Throughout December (Saturdays and Sundays)

Santa Through Time. At selected times, learn how Santa has “played” and navigated through time – reindeer and all!

Saturday, December 18, 3 p.m.

Holiday Show. Presented by **The Hurrah Players**. Fee. Call (757) 627-5437 for tickets; or (757) 664-1010 for group or combo tickets that include Nauticus admission.

Sunday, December 26, 3 – 5 p.m.

Kwanzaa Celebration & Marketplace. Presented in conjunction with the Southeast Virginia Arts Association, this event highlights the seven principles of this family oriented celebration, which has its roots in West Africa.

Friday, December 31, 2 p.m.

New Year's Eve "Time Party." Make time capsules to capture the passage of time. Enjoy face painting by Father Time! Plus, free watches will be given away (while time lasts) to aid in counting down to the New Year! You'll have the time of your life!

Ongoing Programs & Events

Saturday & Sunday, 1 p.m.

Eco Exploration. Discover plants and animals in our own waterway, The Elizabeth River, during this 30-minute hands-on discovery walk! Learn about biological conditions by collecting water and aquatic specimen samples. Plus, learn more about river ecology and the Chesapeake Bay.

Weekdays, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 11:30 a.m. (Sat. only), 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Shark Touch. What does a shark's skin feel like? If you're daring, you can find out at Nauticus' Shark Petting Lagoon, where you can touch the back of a warm-water Nurse Shark. Sharks in the Lagoon vary in length from two to three feet.

Weekdays, 3:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 3 p.m.

Grando Electro Show. Experience the science of static electricity, sparks, and electrical charges in a safe and controlled manner. You'll get a "charge" out of it!

Saturday & Sunday; 12:45 and 2:45 p.m.

Kiddie Tidepool and Storytime. Geared toward early learners, this program explores the ecology of the Elizabeth River. Plus, enjoy a special reading of a maritime-related story.

Saturday & Sunday; Noon

Battle Blast. Have a "blast" during Nauticus' newest science demonstration! Created in conjunction with the USS *Wisconsin*, this program investigates the science and technology behind the battleship and explores force, ballistics, density and combustion through a variety of hands-on experiments.

Weekdays, 1:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 11a.m. & 4 p.m.

CoolScience. Liquids boiling without a stove! Gases turning into liquid! Balloons exploding with bright flashes of light and heat! These are a few of the amazing hands-on experiments you can see in this program sponsored in-part by BOC Gases.

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Shark Feeding. Watch Nauticus' live sharks eat as you learn about shark behavior and ecology!

Saturday & Sunday, 2 p.m.

Weather Wonders.

Large-Format Films

Daily; selected times

The Living Sea. This large-format film celebrates the world ocean - its beauty, diversity and importance to all life on Earth. Swim with thousands of golden jellyfish and witness the bizarre spawning behavior of giant clams. Surf in Hawaii, deep-sea dive in Palau and test your courage with the Coast Guard in some of the world's roughest seas! Follow a Remotely Operated Vehicle 3,000 feet down through the ocean depths to view strange creatures (one as long as a football field!), which live where sunlight never penetrates.

Daily; selected times

The Last Battleship: USS Wisconsin

Discover why the Battleship *Wisconsin* is one of the most unique battleships in the world. Experience the excitement and nostalgia as some of the world's largest guns fire from the deck for the last time. This half-hour documentary, produced by Wisconsin Public Television, chronicles the life of the Battleship *Wisconsin*, defines its unique place in history and profiles the courageous men who went to war on its decks.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

Bayview Recreation Center (441-1626)

Community Holiday Celebration, 6:00pm, ages Open, Thursday, December 16

Berkley Recreation Center (441-1912)

Lunch with Santa, 11:00am, ages 5-12, Saturday, December 18

Pre-New Year Celebration, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Thursday, December 30

Campostella Recreation Center (441- 1974)

Holiday Food Drive, 4:00pm, ages 5-17, Wednesday, December 22

East Ocean View (441-1785)

Holiday Dinner with Santa, 4:30pm, ages Open, Friday, December 17

Fairlawn Recreation Center (441-5670)

Holiday Caroling, 6:00pm, ages 5-17, Friday, December 17

Breakfast with Santa, 9:00am, ages Open, Saturday, December 18

Fee required, please contact the center for details!

Children's Holiday Party, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Tuesday, December 21

Huntsville Neighborhood Service Center

The Huntersville Coalition will be sponsoring its annual Kwanzaa celebration on Wednesday, December 29, 2004, from 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. at the Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center, 830 Goff Street. All are invited to come out and enjoy a day of fellowship with neighbors and friends.

Ingleside Recreation Center (441-5675)

Youth Holiday Shopping Trip, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Monday, December 20

Registration required, please call the center for details!

Teen Holiday Party, 6:00pm, ages 13-17, Wednesday, December 22

Youth Holiday Party, 4:30pm, ages 5-12, Thursday, December 23

Larchmont Recreation Center (441- 5411)

Holiday Celebration, 4:00pm, ages 5-14, Friday, December 17

Merrimack Recreation Center (441-1783)

Community Holiday Celebration, 5:00pm, ages Open, Friday, December 17

Norview Recreation Center

Holiday Party, 4:00pm, ages 5-12, Tuesday, December 21

Sherwood Recreation Center (441-5824)

Holiday Night Out, 7:00pm, ages 6- 14, Friday, December 17

Registration and a fee required, please contact the center for details!

Titustown Recreation Center (441-1259)

Christmas Around the World, 6:30pm, ages 5-12, Wednesday, December 15

Breakfast with Santa, 9:30am, ages 5-12, Saturday, December 18

Young Terrace Recreation Center (441-2692)

Holiday Dinner, 5:00pm, ages 13 and up, Thursday, December 23

Registration required, please contact the center for details!

Titustown Visual Arts Hosts New Show! The Paul Street Gallery at Titustown Recreation and Visual Arts Center will present a new show, *The Viewfinder*, which opened on Sunday November 7, 2004 and will run through Sunday, December 12, 2004. Maggie McGeorge will present 25 outstanding digital photographs and George Pearce will present his personal collection of Nicaraguan pottery.

Oceanview Senior Center Activities**Regular Events:**

Wednesdays

60+ Club Business Meeting 11:00a.m.

Featuring Card games, BINGO, Ballroom Dancing, Hot Meal

Thursdays

Line Dancing Class 11:00a.m.

Tuesdays

Square Dancing 6:30p.m.

Fridays

Square Dancing 10:30a.m.

Mon-Fri

Nutrition Program 10:00a.m

Staff Assistance is provided each month to permit groups such as civic groups, Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club and Mayors Task Force.

ODU

"The Human Experience" Film Series

"The Human Experience" is a film series presented by Old Dominion University Multicultural Student Services. It offers an observation, not a critique, of the human struggle to survive and find resolution within one's own society, regardless of demographics. Each film is introduced by a member of the student-faculty community, providing greater insight into understanding the social context of the film and its relevance to our own life experiences.

All films are free and open to the public and will be presented in Mills-Godwin Building, Room 102 at 8:00pm. Dates, times, and film titles are subject to change. Food provided by Aramark Dining Services and Coca-Cola.

Multicultural Student Services
2109 Webb Center
Phone: (757) 683-4406
<http://www.odu.edu/mss>

In America
January 24

Rosewood
February 7

The Magdalene Sisters
March 14

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Katherine Huntoon, Gallery Director
Old Dominion University
Visual Art Bldg., Room 203
Norfolk, VA 23529

757.683.2355

<http://www.odu.edu/al/art/gallery/index.html>

POLICE

Citizen Police Academy. The Norfolk Police Department's Spring Session of the Citizen's Police Academy will commence on March 31, 2005 and end on June 16, 2005.

Classes meet on Thursdays from 6:30 - 9:30 PM at the Fire Training Center Auditorium, 100 Thole St., in the city of Norfolk.

Spring Session Courses Include:

- Gangs
- Internal Affairs
- K-9 Demonstration
- Forensics and Crime Scene Investigations
- Homicide Investigations
- Patrol Techniques and Shift Explanation
- Criminal Court Procedures
- Tour the Norfolk City Jail
- Domestic Violence
- and more!

Who Can Attend?

Anyone over the age of 18 can submit an application for the Citizen's Academy. Other requests will be reviewed based upon request. The Citizen's Academy is sponsored by the Norfolk Police Department and is FREE. Each application must consent to a criminal background check.

How Do I Enroll?

To enroll in the Citizen's Academy, please contact Officer Whitley or Officer Gurdon at 664-6923, or fax the application (found in the back of this Civic Connection) at 664-6911, or mail the application to:

**Citizen's Police Academy
Second Patrol Divison
7665 Sewells Point Road
Norfolk, Va. 23513**

VIRGINIA STAGE COMPANY

With something for everyone, the upcoming season promises to be the most exiting yet! Season tickets are now on sale, and they are going quickly. The following is our line-up for the 26th season:

A Christmas Carol returns by Popular Demand of Virginia Stage Company Patrons Now-December 23, 2004

Virginia Stage Company brings back the family holiday favorite *A Christmas Carol*, written by Charles Dickens, adapted by David McCann and directed by Aaron Cabell, past director and star of several VSC productions. Back by popular demand, *A Christmas Carol* chronicles the life of Ebenezer Scrooge and his encounters with the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Through these encounters, tens of thousands of Virginia Stage Company patrons have learned the true mean of the holiday season.

The production runs from December 5 to December 23, 2004. Tickets to *A Christmas Carol* range in price from \$22.50 to \$42.50, with December 5 serving as a Pay-What-You-Can night. Tickets may be purchased at the VSC Box Office, by calling (757) 627-1234 or online at www.vastage.com.

A Christmas Carol was published in 1843 as a novella and it rapidly become a holiday favorite. Today it is arguably the most-adapted non-Biblical Christmas story. Ebenezer Scrooge is the surviving partner of Scrooge and Marley, a "business" that places profit above all else. On Christmas Eve, Scrooge is his usual miserly self, chasing off solicitors for the poor, chastising his sole employee, Bob Cratchit, for wanting to take off Christmas Day and insulting his nephew Fred for celebrating a holiday that "has never put a penny in anyone's pocket." But that night, Scrooge is visited by three spirits who show him the desolate path he has chosen and a chance

to avoid it and gain his redemption. It is a story that continues to touch hearts, no matter how often it has been seen.

A Christmas Carol brought Charles Dickens some prosperity late in his life. Dickens, himself a frustrated actor, made money by touring the English countryside performing one-man readings of his story.

Driving Miss Daisy, by Alfred Uhry

January 16-February 6, 2005

It is 1948 in Atlanta. Boolie tells his very self-sufficient mother that she has become too old to drive. *Driving Miss Daisy* chronicles the 25-year relationship between the sharp-tongued Jewish widow and Hoke, her black chauffeur, charting their course from mutual disdain to interdependence and affection.

Vincent in Brixton, by Nicholas Wright

February 27-March 20, 2005

We all know Van Gogh's sunflowers and starry skies, but what experiences propelled him to his immortality? In this recent Broadway hit, we see Vincent as a young man, living in the London suburb of Brixton as a boarder in the home of a widow, Ursula Loyer. Using this historical fact as his starting point, Wright paints an intimate portrait of a love affair between the young artist and the older woman who inspired his emotional and artistic awakening.

Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson and adapted by Timothy Mason

April 3-April 24, 2005

One of the great adventure novels of all times, Robert Lewis Stevenson's timeless story is brought to life on stage. Jim Hawkins is left with a treasure map, and hires a ship to sail to the island to find the gold. Little does he know that his ship is staffed by pirates, lead by the one-legged cook Long John Silver who plans on killing Jim and stealing the loot. With swash-buckling action on the high seas, this one promises to be a load of fun for the entire family.

BENEFITS OF SEASON TICKETS:

*Get one play free...5 great plays for the price of 4!

*Dining Discounts....special offers to great local restaurants

- *Family & Friends Discounts...\$5 off additional tickets for your guests
- *Easy ticket exchange in the event of a schedule conflict
- *Free replacement of lost or stolen tickets
- *Priority notice of special events

For more information about our upcoming season, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.vastage.com or call 627-1234.

VIRGINIA STAGE COMPANY

Viva Las Vegas: Spring Fundraiser Announced

Virginia Stage Company announces its annual Spring Fundraiser. If you are looking for a safe bet on a great night, bring your friends and ante up for a blast at VIVA LAS VEGAS! Las Vegas style games will be set up for your enjoyment, including Craps, Roulette, Black Jack, Caribbean Stud Poker and Texas Hold 'Em. Use your winnings to enter drawings for fabulous prizes!

The evening will begin with an open bar, elegant hors d'oeuvres and a live auction. As the evening progresses, the action will start at the gaming tables and there will be opportunities to play some of our other games including River City Horse Racing, the Golf Shot, and the Diamond Hunt.

For more information, please call Marilyn Richardson, Director of Development at 757-627-6988 ext. 306.

Saturday, February 19, 2005
Marriott Waterside Hotel
6:30 p.m., cocktails and live auction
7:30 p.m., let the games begin!
Cocktail attire
\$100 per person.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

ZOO

Virginia Zoo, 3500 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA 23504
(757) 441-2374 www.virginiazoo.org

Admission: Adults: \$6.00; Sr. Citizens: \$5.00; Children (ages 2-11): \$4.00. Under 2 is free. Open daily from 10:00 – 5:00

Zoo members always free.

**Application for the Norfolk Police Department
Citizen's Academy
Spring Session
March 31, 2005 - June 16, 2005**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Phone:** _____

Zip Code: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Is Your Driver's License Currently Valid? : _____

Have You Ever Been Convicted of a Felony? _____

I certify that all statements made on this application are true. I further authorize the Norfolk Police Department to conduct a criminal history check based upon the information provided on this form.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Mail to application to:

**Norfolk Police Department Citizen's Academy
Attention: Officer Whitley or Gurdon
7665 Sewells Point Rd.
Norfolk, Va. 23513**

Fax: 664-6911

Email: george.whitley@norfolk.gov